









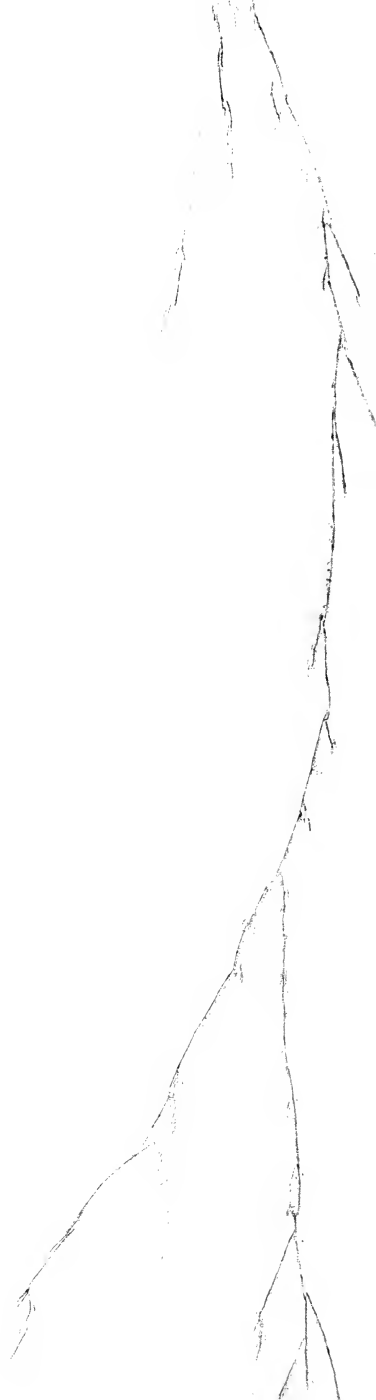






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William C. Marceau  
February 6, 1967

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à Paris, le 6 février 1967

Reverend Robert Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for the talk of Archbishop Flahiff sent on Jan. 12. Indeed, a half dozen candidates from Aquinas for the Novitiate is most encouraging. Do hope they materialize.

Your request for a "list" of my articles and books can be cursorily dismissed. There are only two:

- 1.) Le Stoicisme de saint François de Sales, thèse (M. ès A.) Laval, 1964, 110 pp.
- 2.) Claudel - Dramaturge, Basilian Teacher.

Forgive me, but I really don't have the particulars of this bibliography. You know which edition of the "Teacher" gave a recapitulation of articles which had appeared. Would you mind consulting that? Heavens knows I brought enough books with me that this particular one would have been superfluous.

This morning I have completed about forty (40) pages of my first chapter. Of course, this is only the first writing. With my director this is really interesting. I am always saying to myself: "How different from this original will be once my director accepts it definitively"? It's a great game. He's a hard man. But I'm happy with him.



William C. Marceau  
February 6, 1967

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Experiences in the parish are numerous. Have wonderful occasions to know the urban mentality. This was, of course, not possible in Annonay. Sunday I preached in the other parish at Vanves. It is St-Remy: lovely church from the XIVe century. Since the occasion was "Vocation Sunday" in the two parishes, we switched pulpits. One of their priests came to St. Francis and I went down there. Opened with general norms for a Christian vocation. Precised this in relation to the religious life for men and women. Finally, gave a four minute bar on the history of the Basilians and of the actual situation. It's amazing how many people came over to ask about the particulars following the Masses. Stayed outside while they came out. That way they couldn't get away without shaking hands and meeting a Basilian. However, there were several who knew the house at Issy. It was a good experience.

Things are going quite well. Four of the scholastics and I are going to take a break for two days and go to Belgium. Am looking forward to this since I haven't had a break since last Fall.

Our warmest personal regards to you and all the confreres. Oremus pro invicem.

In Xto,

B. Marceau, CSB

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William C. Marceau  
September 27, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
September 27, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Am not just positive where you are living,  
but am sure that you will receive this ad-  
dressed to the seminary.

You may take my name off the graduate student  
list now if you like. Two weeks ago toady, I  
had the defense of my thesis. It lasted from  
two to five. Had one Belgian, one German and  
two French on my jury. Norm Frenette was there  
for it too. That pleased me. In any case, it  
all worked out well. Am now at work on the  
translation of it into English. Have a pub-  
lisher in English already, but have yet to  
settle definitely with a publisher in French.  
This whole business is much more complicated  
than I had imagined.

The title of the thesis is L'optimisme dans  
les oeuvres de saint François de Sales, or,  
Optimism in the works of Saint Francis de  
Sales. The jury gave me a "Magna cum laude"  
so you can be sure that I was pleased. To  
have the doctoral work end so pleasantly is  
indeed a satisfaction.

I tell you all this because, so far as I  
know, you are still responsible for the "Annals".

Things here at Fisher are well underway.  
There have been no student riots as yet. Our  
boys ended last year on that particular note.  
We're hoping it doesn't start again this year;  
at least, not too soon.



William C. Marceau  
September 27, 1968

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Hope to see you in the course of the year.  
Thanking you for all past kindnesses, I am

Sincerely yours in Xto,

W.C. Marceau, C.S.B.

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in Toronto).



Ulysse E. Paré  
February 6, 1967

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Fribourg,  
February 6, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

Greetings! I hasten to reply to your request for bibliographical information. I blush to say that I have only one possible entry: "Scriptural Approaches", Basilian Teacher, Feb. 1966 pp. 66-73. There are two other items which likely do not interest you, but which I add for the sake of completeness: "Dialogue for Reform" in The Basilian Forum Oct. 1964 pp. 2-5 (i.e. the introductory Forum) and a recent book report: "New Testament Morality", Basilian Teacher, Jan. 1967, p. 56-57.

Your missives (e.g. Convention Report, Archbishop Flahiff's (Revised) Talk, Newsletter re call to vows, and Father John Sheehy) have been arriving regularly - for which, many thanks. I was sorry to hear about John Gaughan's mother and shall remember her at prayer.

Over here there is little to report. I've received a letter from Father Fred Black which was helpful re the Chapter. I expect to go to Annonay around Easter and shall doubtless have a few tiffs (read: discussions) with Fathers Jean Roure and René Robert. It should be interesting.

My work? I think it's going well, though all I seem to be doing is reading and writing précis ... however the topic is good and I enjoy the work. My only hope is that it will soon crystallize into something more concrete.



Ulysse E. Paré  
February 6, 1967

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So far the organization for the Chapter seems to be moving efficiently and smoothly. Congratulations. No doubt until appointments appear things will have to remain a bit uncertain. No doubt the appointments will appear soon - ?

Life is much more pleasant here than in Rome - of course the fact that people speak French helps to prejudice me in their favour. I do some ministry and have the faculties of the diocese. About once a month I head for the hills (literally) to replace a pastor. Normally though on Sunday I go to a nearby Convent - Finishing School - where I wow them with eschatological sermons! Last Sunday (i.e. yesterday) we had candle-blessing, procession, high Mass and opening Forty Hours. I hope no one was in a hurry ...

By the way, you've failed to tell me what's holding up the appointment of the Archbishop of Ottawa. Last I heard it was still open. We should start an Ottawa Derby and make some money.

Best wishes from Switzerland. The ice cream is wonderful but so far no one has offered me any Shredded Wheat. However, if you give me enough warning I'm sure I can dig some up.

Again many thanks for your various notes - they are always appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Bud.





Ulysse E. Paré  
February 6, 1967

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P.S. Every so often Paul Broadhurst sends me a strip of Lil Abner where Al Capp continues to ridicule Joan Baez (Joannie the Phoeanie). Al Capp is a Fink - and I suspect Broadhurst's motives in keeping me posted.

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Vincent C. Reinsborough  
February 6, 1967

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St. John Fisher College  
Dyynyrne, Hobart, Tasmania  
February 6, 1967.

Dear Father Scollard,

Your latest Newsletter with its addenda reminded me that I haven't written for a while. I have a whole stack of these Christmas aerogrammes that will soon be out of season (soon? Gosh, Lent starts on Wednesday) Oh well, Lent doesn't hold the fears it used to. I suppose you heathen can even eat meat on Fridays in Lent. We of the Australian rite are still of the strict observance with no relief in sight. And Australia is one of the greatest meat eating countries in the world. They eat it at every meal. Usually in the form of lamb chops or steaks or in these tasteless things called 'pies'. Oh for a genuine hot dog or hamburger with lots of relish! At carnivals and shows here, there is usually at least one booth that advertises 'American Dagwood hot dogs'. Dagwood is a very popular comic strip in Tasmania so it's a great drawing card but any resemblance between these atrocities and the real things is purely coincidental. After reading what Father Terry Forestell has been going yhrough in his jaunts around the Middle East, I don't feel as if I have any grounds of complaint. After all, we eat well. But it does seem funny - to return to my original point - that Australia should be one of the last hold-outs for the Friday abstinence. You must admit that the design on these aerogrammes (love that word) is not only quite arty but also quite appropriate for Christmas. I am sorry now that I didn't buy more of them to last the whole year.



Vincent C. Reinsborough  
February 6, 1967

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No complaints about the weather from this end. The temperature has been in the 80's all week and no rain for weeks. This is officially known as a heat wave in Tasmania and everyone is 'suffering'. With the low humidity, I think it's beautiful. I'm afraid I'm acquiring your reputation around here. At the breakfast table this morning, as everyone was commenting about how difficult it was to get to sleep last night, I casually let it be known that I had had on my usual four woolen blankets and had slept cool and comfortable thank you. This disclosure caused no end of awe and wonderment as Canadians are supposed to feel the heat more than the Aussies do. The Aussies were down to their sheets and some even less than that. I was going to tell them about the greatest blanket-piler-on-er of all times but I knew they would just treat it as another one of those tall North American Paul Bunyon tales.

Tomorrow, the temperature is supposed to hit 100°. It will be hot in the lab as we don't have air-conditioning. Tomorrow also, the power will be shut off for the annual check over. That means that even the air blowers won't be operating. Well, there's always the beach. These hot, dry days are not entirely welcome as bush fires generally accompany them. One came within a few hundred feet of the College a few Sundays ago and I was out fighting it until the firemen got it under control. I had fought forest fires in New Brunswick for weeks at a stretch and I put my experience to good use. These fires just don't come on the gigantic scale that the N.B. fires do but they can be worrisome especially when they approach houses. Saturday, a bush fire



Vincent C. Reinsborough  
February 6, 1967

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burnt out a race track in the Tasmanian countryside. When you consider the attention given to 'horses' here, this qualifies as a national disaster.

An all-Australian Liturgical conference has just been concluded here. It could only be held here as Archbishop Young was the main moving force behind it and the other Australian bishops are too conservative to allow anything like that in their territory. The Australian 'litur-bug' (a term beloved of Father Don McNeil) can hardly be classified as 'wayout'. If anything, he has too healthy a respect for Canon Law. The Tasmanian Church is quite a different story and is tremendously vital and alive. Godfrey Dieckmann comes next week and already they can't find a place big enough to let everyone hear him. And that doesn't mean clerics either. 'Worship' is a popular magazine among the ality, so Godfrey is no stranger to them.

I hope that the Toronto Spring will be a kind one to you and that the clerical work involved in this General Chapter is not proving too much a burden. It is hard to tell with accuracy from this distance what will come out of this Chapter but all signs point to it being a momentous one for the future of the Community. Prayers will certainly be in keeping.

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, C.S.B.

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Vincent C. Reinsborough  
June 2, 1967

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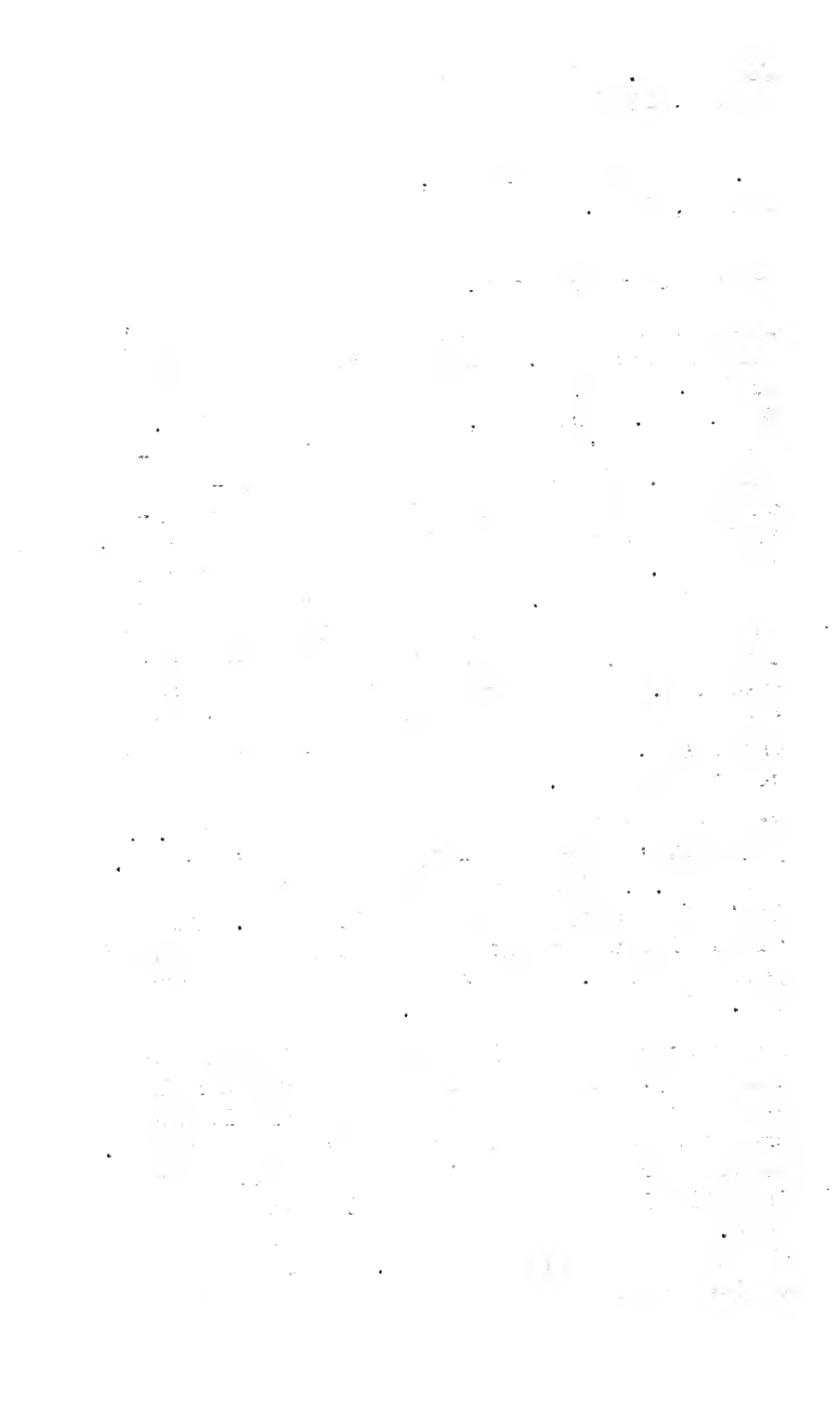
St. John Fisher College,  
June 2, 1967.

Dear Father Scollard,

Two letters of yours remind me that I haven't written recently. Please excuse the written script. My typewriter is at the Chemistry Dept. now. Actually, that is a good sign. That means I'm drawing up material for publication. I with the Professor as co-author submitted one article this week to the Australian Journal of Chemistry for possible publication. We should hear from the referees soon on that one. No sooner was the ink dry on that one when I started writing drafts for another one. Things at the moment are really bustling. One article of mine appeared in the May issue of the Australian Journal of Chemistry. You should soon be receiving two copies as usual.

You are keeping me up to date on Father T.A. MacDonald's problems - like losing Liberator. Father T.A. likes his food and I imagine he isn't too happy about that situation. It seems like we are losing a lot of good men this year as usual. And so many of them priests too. It makes one wonder.

New rubrics for saying Mass went into effect this week. Most the "changes" have been in here for some time like all the genuflections and Signs of the Cross that have been omitted. Do you have the Canon in English yet? Ours is still in Latin but we should get the nod soon. The priests of the archdiocese formed a Senate over the past week. It consists of twelve secular and four religious priests



Vincent C. Reinsborough  
June 2, 1967

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elected for terms of office of two years each. There are no "ex officio" members and the criterion of selection of numbers was on age. Of the twelve secular, two had to be less than 35, four over 55 and the other six in the "business executive" age of 35-55. This is quite an interesting arrangement.

We are presently enjoying the calm before the storm. The university undergrads return on Monday to commence second term of a three term school year. The College will then take on full activity once again. A new wing has been added to the main building so that an extra 35 students can now be accommodated. North American students would be pleasantly surprised by the size of the rooms. They are larger than those in Elmsby Hall and they are all single rooms besides. The Aussie likes his wide open spaces.

Winter is now with us. To get into the proper mood, I used Australian Antarctic stamps on the envelope. That's the only way you'll get ice and snow in this country.

The General Chapter is just around the corner. I hope things are not too hectic for you. The best anyway from "down under."

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Vincent C. Reinsborough  
January 30, 1968

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The University of Tasmania  
Box 252 C, G.P.O.  
Hobart, Tasmania  
January 30, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

I'll be looking forward to reading that article on Australia in Macleans. I suppose the Jasper cartoon will be cut out. If I remember correctly, you are quite a fan of Jasper.

Your little postscripts to Newsletters are again very informative and really appreciated. It adds that personal touch which the Gestetner finds difficult to impart. With the mail strike in Australia for two weeks and a go slow before that, it meant that for a whole month no overseas mail was getting through one way or the other. They are busily clearing away the backlog now but it will be a few weeks yet before the mails return to normal.

I'm busily writing up what will be the first chapter of my thesis and a review article for publication at the same time. You should soon be receiving by surface mail some reprints of and article that I co-authored with Professor Bloom that appeared in the December issue of the Australian Journal of Chemistry. Another article should appear shortly. But I've run out of numbers now and it's back to the laboratory bench tomorrow for the next few months.

I haven't heard from Father Robert Fischette recently. I hope that doesn't mean he's not too well. I will have to send him some stamps to cheer him up. I hope T.A. MacDonald is also in the best of health. That goes for you too but I can't imagine you sick.



Vincent C. Reinsborough  
January 30, 1968

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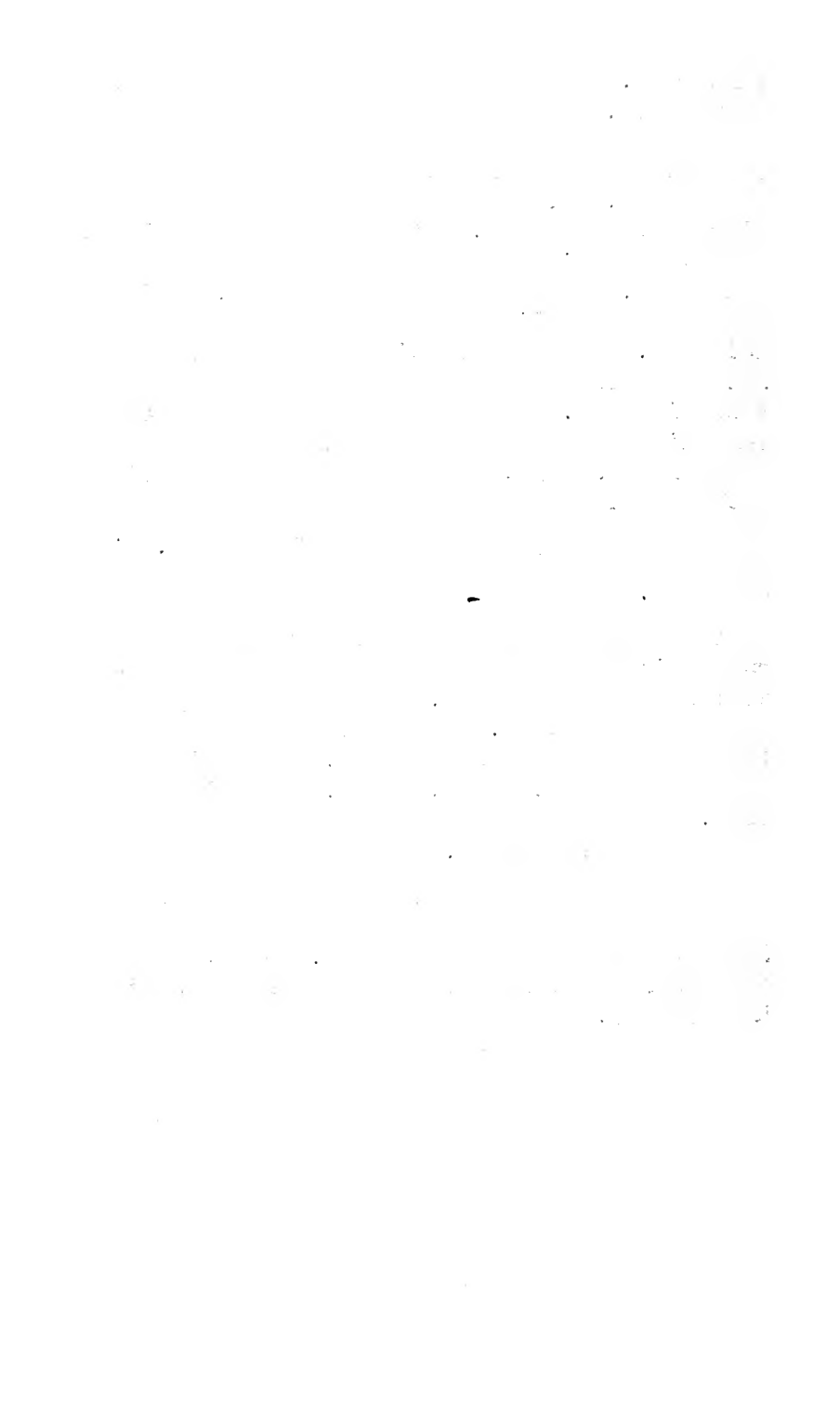
I spent a week in Melbourne for a Newman Club Convention. It was very hot there and the flies were terrible. It was 100° when I left. The flies don't bite but they keep landing on your face, running over your glasses, trying to get at your lips in their search for moisture. They do not discourage easily but after a while you get used to being used as a landing pad. It was good to get back to Tasmania where there are no flies and the weather is cooler. Only trouble is that I'm back to Melbourne in two weeks time for a Chemistry Conference with all expenses paid. And they say Melbourne is even warmer in February.

Yesterday was Australia Day; something like our Dominion Day and with about the same reaction from the people. Another holiday to spend at the beach. However, school started today for the new school year. The University only starts next month. Well, must close off here.

In Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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Vincent C. Reinsborough  
August 28, 1968

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St. John Fisher College,  
Dyynyrne, Tas. 7005 Aust.,  
August 28, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

Your letter was barely sitting on the table before someone asked me for the stamps. Canada is beginning to add a bit of colour to their commemoratives. It makes quite a difference.

For almost two months now, I've had no community news, i.e. no newsletters. I suppose the mail strike is aprtly responsible. But also, I suspect that Russell Hill hasn't reorganized yet on your departure. For us "separated brethern", the Newsletters mean a lot. Your letter happily brought me up to date on a lot of community goings-on. Now that the Synod is in session, perhaps the news and information will pick up.

I was quite surprised a few days ago to get a phone call from Peter Swan from Melbourne. We had a delightful chat and, from Sydney, I received a further note from him today. He stayed at St. John's College where both Jim Howard and myself have stayed at times. Peter is off now to the Great Barrier Reef and adventures unknown. I certainly appreciated his phone call because it's almost a year now since I've spoken to a Basilian. Now I find out from Peter that Jim Howard had spent three months in Sydney. I can't fathom why he didn't contact me. A meeting could have been arranged but he may have been too busy.

The Canadian mail strike has allowed me to catch up on all my correspondence. Hence the prompt reply to your letter. Just the same,



Vincent C. Reinsborough  
August 28, 1968

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I'm relieved it's over as "no news is good news" doesn't hold in such circumstances.

So T.A. MacDonald is alive and living in New Brunswick! Seems like he's getting more and more attached to the "home country". That must be some cottage he's got down there.

I'm churning out the papers these days - three are now in the press. Thesis is coming along okay, too. I can't say it will be as startling as Don O'Gorman's discovery. But it might be more useful ...

The Seminary must be starting to re-fill. How do you fill it up these days with so few Basilians around? With free access to ice cream, does this perhaps mean that some days you must do without? Gosh, a national crisis that would be. Judging from the way the ice cream was disappearing last summer when I was there, I'm afraid your disease must be contagious.

Spring is here; the wattle is in block, new growth appearing everywhere; the spur-winged plover is getting ferocious; gaily coloured rosella parrots are everywhere. Your heat is turning down; ours is coming on. Happy winter.

Yours in Christ,

Vince Reinsborough, CSB

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P. Wallace Platt  
February 15, 1967

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 15/2/67

Dear Bob.

I haven't been very diligent in answering your kind letters. I appreciate them more than my promptness in answering would lead you to think. We're more than a bit off the beaten track here and any news you send along has the added value distance gives it.

Kevin's return here, or rather the news of it, was heralded with great joy. We had hopes for it, especially when Charlie Principe's change was announced. We thought (and Jean Roure hoped) that he'd come as superior. But it's just as well this way and Kevin deserves a respite after these past three years.

Charlie Principe is walking on air. The prospect of working in Paris and the compliment of being named a councillor have given him a real shot in the arm. He was undecided about his work, being altogether surprised by his appointment. When it became clear he was to go to Paris officially, a great load was lifted.

I have been meaning to ask you where you got hold of the splendid snap of Father Charles Roume you reproduced in the Annals. I should like, if possible, to have it enlarged for our library or community room. Do you think you could lend it to me just for that purpose? I'd see that it was returned to you in good order.



P. Wallace Platt  
February 15, 1967

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We wanted to renovate or replace our Stations of the Cross. We took them down (rather I took them down) in the Fall of '65 after my return here: huge 19th century printed canvasses, about one yard by two feet, which hung forward in the chapel and sort of overwhelmed you. There has been nothing to replace them for over a year. Our funds being what they are, that is, too small to allow a new set in wood or metal, we cut out 35 x 35 cms. of each canvass, just the essentail figures, framed them and placed them along the lower panelling. Quite successful, and cheap.

Kindest regards to all at 200.

And again many thanks.

In Christ,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





P. Wallace Platt  
October 4, 1967

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 10/4/67

Dear Bob,

As you see I have added a line or two, and indicated where they might be inserted. They don't add much to what you have said, which is certainly the essential.

Nobody knows exactly how much he (Father Charles Roume) did prior to his appointment as Historian. But all I spoke to were unanimous in the opinion that he had done considerable work on the archives from the end of the war on. And when he became superior and then superior general, he intensified his work.

The exact date for the article in La Croix is September 5, 1966. I have this article, and will send it to you, if you want it for the archives.

Father Roume was not sure himself about the scope of the second volume. Certainly it would have gone to 1922, and perhaps even further, to give some account of the remarkable expansion in Canada and the United States after 1922, a fact which always surprises those who hear of it over here. You should know that he found the going very tough in the second volume, because of the paucity of material, and because of a certain depression and dissatisfaction with life in general (and perhaps with the Community) which came



P. Wallace Platt  
October 4, 1967

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over him especially in the last year of his life. He was by no means a happy man ... far from it.

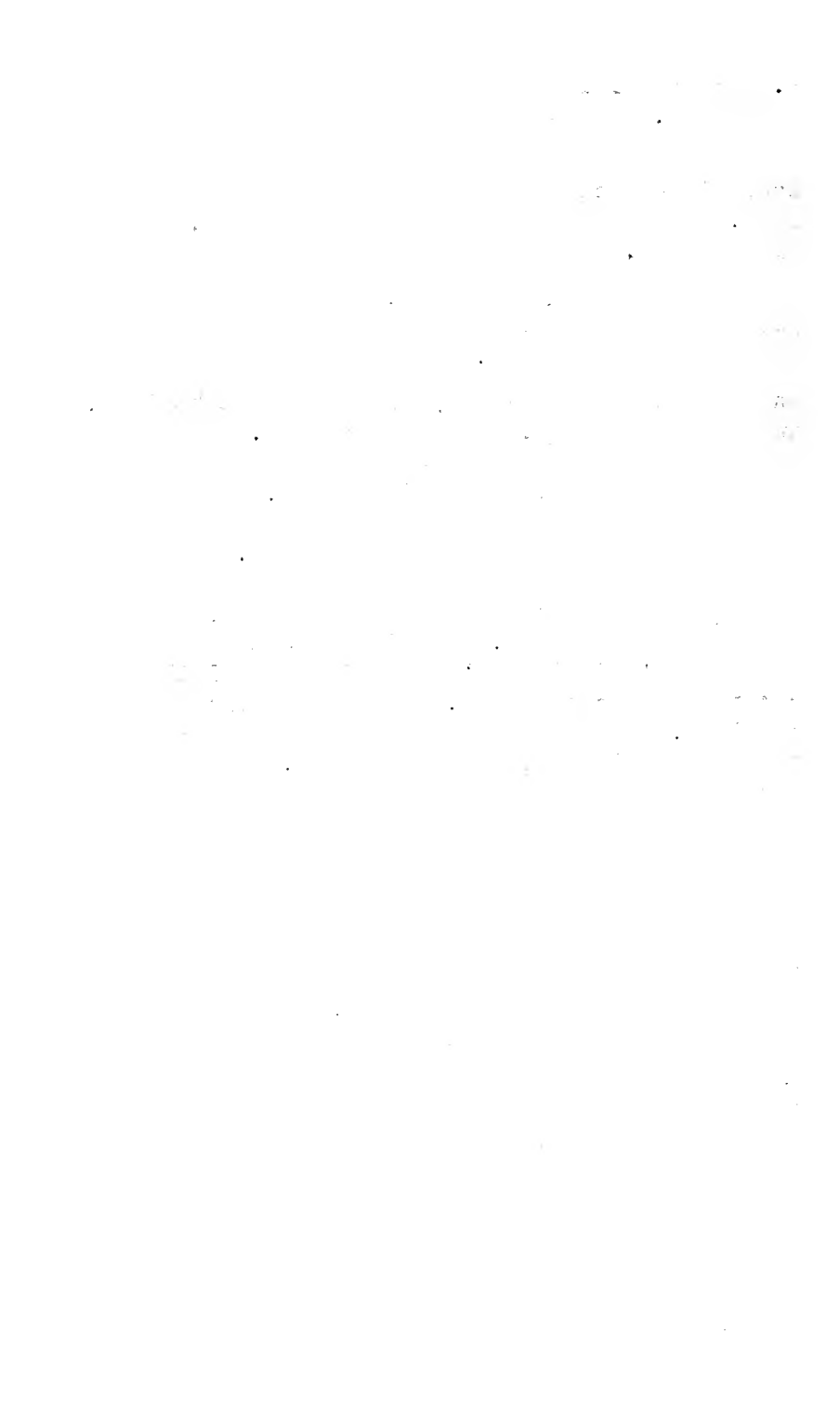
If this is not satisfactory, please don't hesitate to say so. I'm standing by to be of service in any way.

No sign yet of Father Lajeunesse on the horizon. Sunny Italy probably got hold of him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wally.

(Letter written to Father Robert Scollard by Father Wallace Platt. Mention of Father Lajeunesse's visit would date it April 10th rather than October 4th. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto.



P. Wallace Platt  
October 2, 1967

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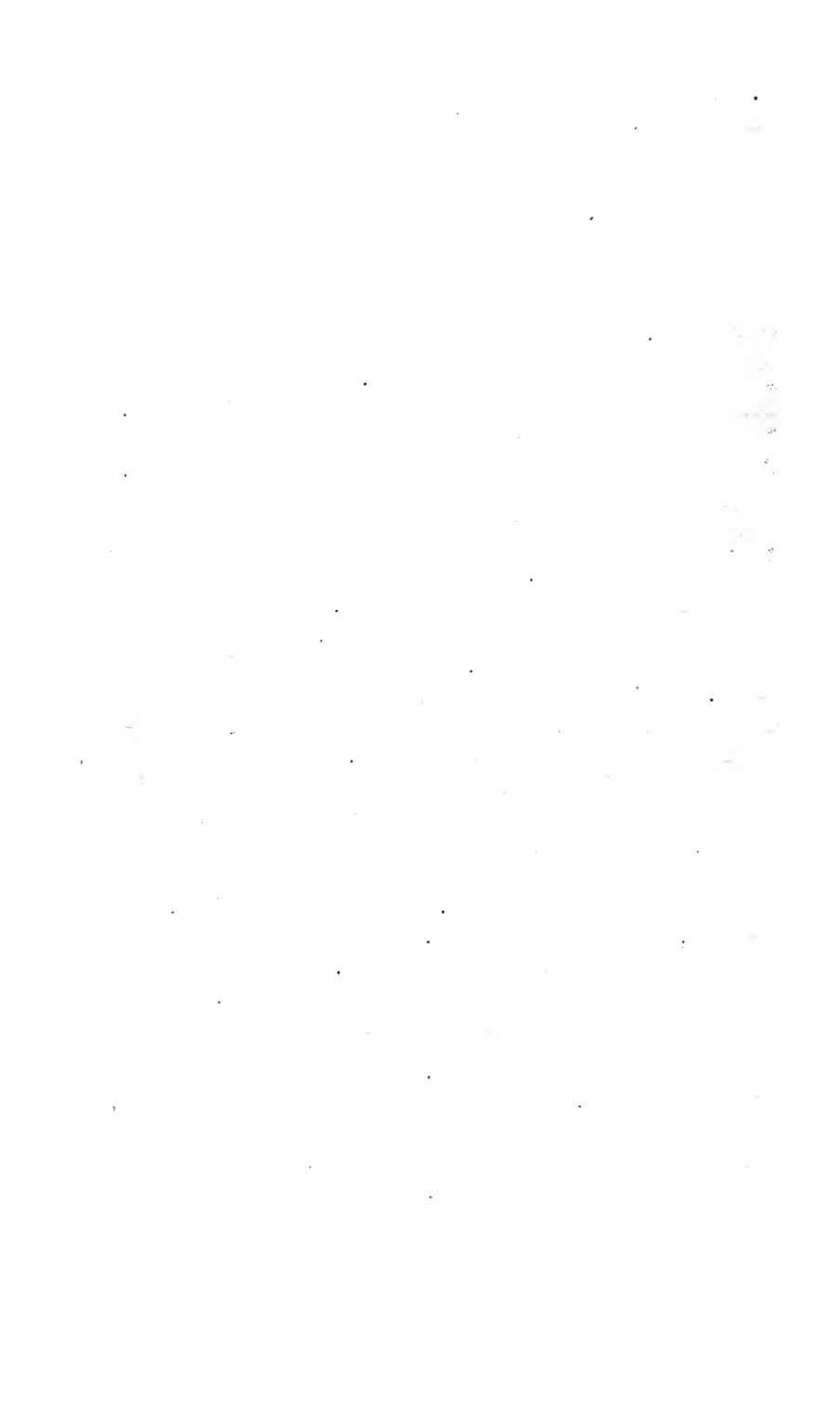
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 2/10/67

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your kind letter. There is no change in our name or address for this year. I shall be happy to furnish any information for the Annals when the time for that comes.

Kevin Kirley has come back into the swim of things here as though he had always belonged, as indeed he has. As you know he is very well liked and respected here. He does not seem to be finding it too hard. His health so far has been good, and he looks fine as well. He's very generous in coming back to conditions which are certainly less comfortable than those he has known. What an example. I tell you in confidence that when I questioned him during the summer about his return, he said to me, "Going back to France is really the only way I can bear witness to our way of life to the younger members." He had in mind, of course, the seminarians. I hope many saw his generosity and appreciated it. Maybe someday they will have a chance to imitate it.

Marcel Lextrait is in bed with a very painful torn muscle in his back. The muscle got torn from coughing. Such a cough you never heard, except if you remember how Father Michel Pickett used to hack and wheeze. He'll be down for a few days yet.



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October 2, 1967

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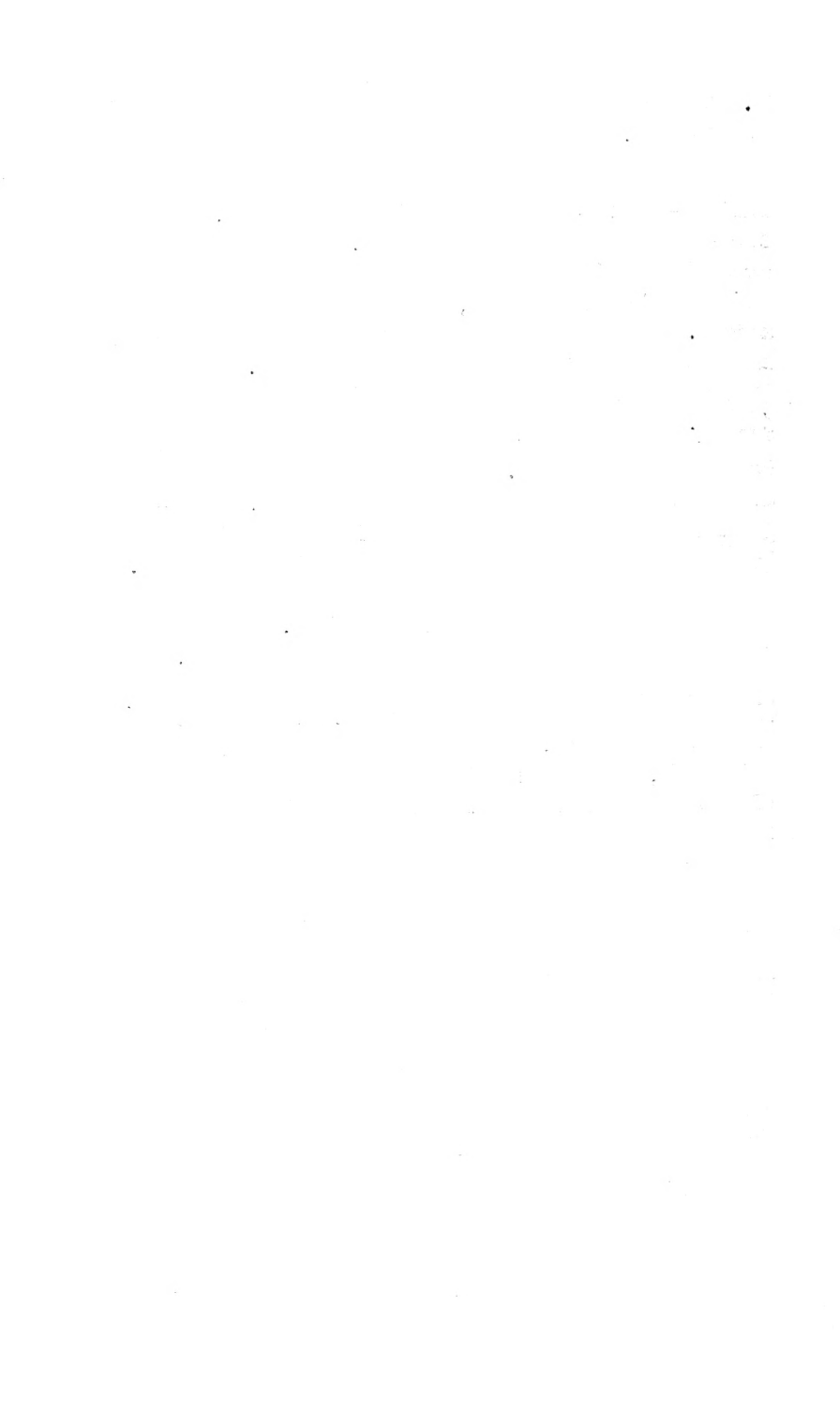
Our co-ed classes are going smoothly. In one class of 36 I have 12 girls. They are not as good in English as our boys (Father Charlie Principe's products), and they slow the class a bit. But it gives wider range for laughs, and so far we're all having a ball. I have a whole new captive audience for the same old jokes.

Hope you are well. Please give my very kindest to all at the Curial House. Congratulate Freddy Black on his meteoric rise to be the superior of the Superior General.

In Christ,

Wally.

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P. Wallace Platt  
January 30, 1968

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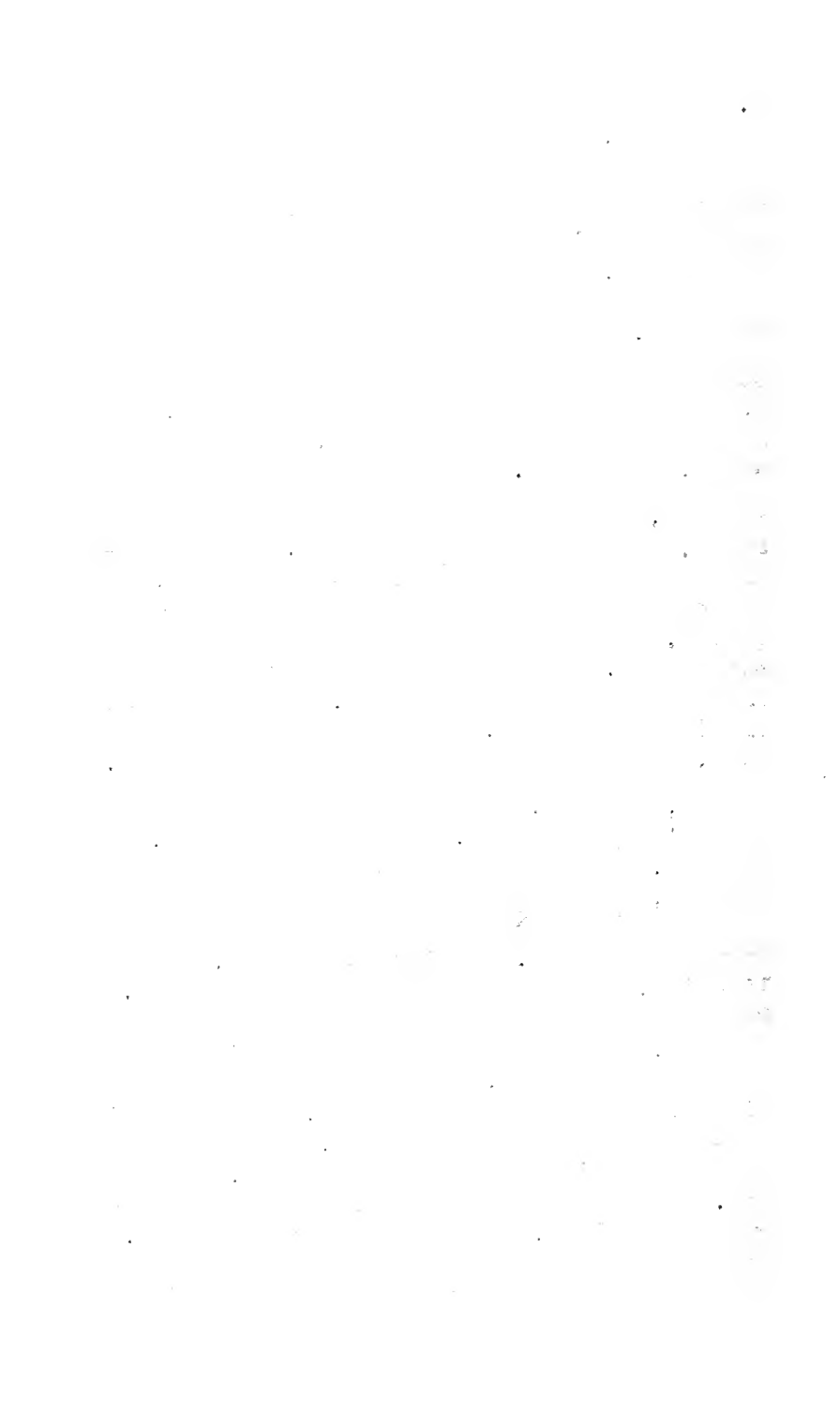
Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
January 30, 1968

Dear Bob,

Sorry to be so long in getting an answer off to you about the ancients of the Community. I'm afraid my help will be meagre, but any bit helps, I suppose.

VERNEDE, Fernand Auguste is buried here in the cemetery on the College grounds. In our reorganization of the cemetery we took down all the crosses which more or less marked the graves, except those which have been standing since 1900. The ones we took down are recorded on a large new marble plaque, with their dates of birth and death. Father Vernède is among them, with the date of death as you have it.

POUZOL, Auguste, was the present Father Félix Pouzol's great uncle. He went to Canada, not in 1881, but in 1882 (this is known from a picture, inscribed on the back in his own hand, on the eve of his departure: I just saw it a few minutes ago). Believe it or not, he was a linguist, and wrote a grammar of Esperanto. Father Félix Pouzol thinks he was good in English, for he became Professeur d'Anglais here on his return. He thinks that his uncle did not want to stay in Canada, and so didn't show his knowledge of English, so that they would send him back here to Annonay, which they did. He suffered with the others in the expulsion of 1903, and was hard up for money. He lived with the family in a poor room on the top floor (in the house where Father Félix Pouzol



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January 30, 1968

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was raised) and died there. He is buried in the priests' plot of the Annonay cemetery which of course is not the same cemetery as that which is on our property. I shall get his parents' name for you and other details which may be of interest. Father Pouzol has an aunt still living here in town, who is a mine of information.

I shall make a visit to the Mairie to find out the names of the parents of Pierre Chalandard. During the week's holiday's that we'll have in February I'll try to find some time for the archives and get more answers. I can't promise anything though, for the information might be thin, and they are not very easy to consult. Since Father Charles Roume is no longer here, it is a bit hard to know what exists and what can be consulted.

This re-organization of the Collège is not so pleasant as all that. Bill Young will have a lot to listen to and a lot to absorb when he comes. Our financial position is not too robust.

Hope you are bearing up okay. Give my kindest regards to Father Wey and to others at 200. Shall write soon.

In Christ,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



P. Wallace Platt  
February 7, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 7.2.68

Dear Bob,

My information comes in bits and pieces. The "Archiviste" of the Archdiocese of Lyons writes that L'abbé Jean Mazenod was buried in the Priests' Cemetery at Loyasse LOYASSE, which is a section of Lyon, on the side of the Fourvière hill. It is a vast cemetery, and a part of it (or perhaps the whole of it) at least the part for the priests was set up by "les Chanoines Caille" at the beginning of the 19th century. (I presume there were at least two canons called Caille). He (the archiviste) says there was nothing in the Semaine Religieuse about Father Mazenod.

Here are the names of the parents of Pierre Joseph Marie CHALANDARD:

Father: Jean Joseph Chalandard

Mother: Jeanne Marie Marguerite Magnard

All fine here for the moment, though somewhat tense about our future. We're looking forward to Bill Young's coming. I hope he won't be overwhelmed by Father Pouzol, who will most certainly talk his ear off.

Our weather is glorious. Kevin Kirley's tulips and daffodils are pushing up through the ground. The Alps in the distance look lovely in the afternoon sun. The Olympics got underway yesterday. They promise to be interesting. We went all out and turned on the TV in the



P. Wallace Platt  
February 7, 1968

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study hall so the boys could watch the opening ceremonies.

Kindest regards to all.

In Christ,

Wally.

P.S. Father Auguste Marcou has been with us for a few weeks. He seems fine. Will send you the documents from which I gleaned this information.

W.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





P. Wallace Platt  
April 21, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
April 21, 1968.

Dear Bob,

I have been a little long in sending you information about my return. Sorry. I have booked passage on the "France" on July 12th, getting into New York on the 17th, and to Toronto on the same day. I thought of taking the balance of that week at my Mother's house, and coming to the Curial House on the Monday morning, July 22nd. How does this suit you? I can easily arrange otherwise, if you have some ideas, or if your own plans would thus be better served.

I hitch-hiked to Rome for Holy Week and Easter. When I got there I phoned Cardinal Garonne just to say 'Hello', and he invited me to accompany him to all the ceremonies with the Holy Father. It was quite an honour, and, of course, it avoided all the jostling associated with a ceremony at which the Holy Father officiates. The Pope looks very worn indeed. However on Saturday evening, after the Pascal Vigil, at St. Paul's outside-the-walls, He seemed to be much better, and so too on Sunday morning in front of St. Peter's, where he said Mass in the rain.

All the confreres are well here, though Kevin Kirley suffers quite a bit from his arthritis. Please don't hesitate to suggest other dates. I can easily arrange an earlier or later arrival. Kindest regards to all,

In Christ,

Wally.



P. Wallace Platt  
June 15, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
June 15, 1968

Dear Bob,

The Newsletter about Larry Lacey reached us on St. Basil's Day, just about exactly one month after it was sent. We lived for three weeks in a paralyzed country, and only gradually it is getting back to normal. Most letters are delivered promptly, but the back log has still to be sorted and sent. What complicates things is that some Post Offices in the Paris region have gone back on strike! It is getting to be a normal state. The schools are back for the most part, although the atmosphere of study and work is hardly propitious. Our school was "out" only two days, that is, after the Ascension Day holiday we took Friday and Saturday and re-convened on Monday. But many of the lycées lost a good three weeks or more.

It wasn't a very pleasant experience, the general strike, because it was so filled with uncertainty, and even de Gaulle himself used the ominous word of "civil war". Added to the social tension was bad weather, cold and dull, which was just enough to overload spirits and minds already heavily charged. It's quite true, of course, that the majority of Frenchmen wanted order and work, and knew only de Gaulle could give them. He was and is indeed the only choice outside of outright communism and a dictatorship. So whether they like him or not, they must take him, and the chances are he'll come off handsomely in the elections.



P. Wallace Platt  
June 15, 1968

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Thanks for your news. I hope by this time Terry Forestell is out of the hospital. How is <sup>P</sup>eter Sheehan's sister?

Please give my kindest regards to all at the Curia. <sup>E</sup>veryone is fine here. We've had a banner year for good health.

In Christ,

Wally.

(Letter from Father Wallace Platt to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto.)



Hubert P. Coughlin  
February 27, 1967

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77006  
Feb 27/67

Dear Bob:

Thanks a lot for your welcome letter and enclosures just received. I am just leaving for the monthly Mission meeting at the Cenacle - and a concelebrated Mass plus a homily! I have been steadily on the go since my arrival and have averaged 8-10 hours daily in interviews. So far I have completed the Houston houses and have started on the Missions. John Collins, Norb Clemens and I will leave for Mexico tomorrow and I will complete my Mission tour here when I return. Then on to Lawton and home. I plan to be in Toronto about the 11th or 12th of March.

Claude Arnold is back teaching and seemingly quite recovered - no diagnosis yet. Bob Lamb is apparently making a miraculous recovery and is improving daily. No paralysis or speech defect and his mind seems quite clear - no diagnosis or prognosis yet, but everyone is hopeful.

The weather has been fairly cool - but not as bad as we hear about the North. There are many problems here - financial and personnel - but nothing of a critical nature. Regards to all at 200 and 206.

Sincerely in Xto

HPC

(Letter from Father Hubert Coughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





John B. Janisse  
April 24, 1967

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
April 24, 1967.

Dear Father Scollard,

Pete Mosteller showed me the letter you wrote to him recently (the one mentioning Bernie Black's program for the new St. Mike's library). I just finished writing to Bernie, asking for a copy if it has been duplicated and there are extra copies. Thanks very much for the lead.

We have a Library Building Committee, and have been busy all semester trying to get together a program. I'd guess we're a little better than half done on this project. Mr. Ellsworth Mason, from Hofstra University in New York, has agreed to act as Consultant, and will be down for his first visit this coming Friday. He did some consulting for St. John Fisher College. I phoned Freddie Black and he gave Dr. Mason a very high recommendation.

The site seems to have been decided (at the south end of the Mall). We're hoping that our suggestions will be accepted, and the plans re-worked in the light of the suggestions. Dr. Sullivan, who is acting as Chairman of our committee, hopes we can have the program completed by October 1st. Mr. Barnstone, who does the leg work for Philip Johnson, says about eight months will be needed from the time plans are accepted till construction begins. Included in that eight months is one month for governmental approval of the working drawings, and one month for taking bids.



John B. Janisse  
April 24, 1967

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Father Calude Anrold seems well now, and Father Robert Lamb seems to be improving fast. For example Father Lamb was over to the priests's house for First Vespers yesterday, and from what I hear was walking around and making plans for the History Department for next year. Father John Meyer isn't real well right now - at least he tells me he has an obstruction in his colon. His regular doctor is out of town till the end of the month and Father Meyer was advised to wait till he comes back to have this checked into. In the meantime he has been put on sedatives.

I hope all goes well with you, and we'll be seeing you.

In Christ,

John Janisse, CSB

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John B. Janisse  
August 4, 1967

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Library of the University of Saint Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard, Houston  
August 4, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

I should have answered your letter of April 29th sooner. However, I imagine you'd like to see what we've come up with in the line of a program. If you have any comments I'd be glad to hear them. Perhaps you're right about the site not being central enough. I think this will need another scrutiny before construction begins - which actually is a year away at least. The size is limited to 50,000 square feet at most, in the agreement made with the government when application was made for a loan, so expansion is a must (or change to a new site, which off-hand I wouldn't favor since we're going to sink so much money into the building if we go ahead with it and Dr. Mason, our consultant, says we can't afford not to). Thanks for your vote of confidence in my ability to plan the library. Best wishes,

John Janisse, C.S.B.

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John B. Janisse  
November 4, 1967

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
November 4, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

The enclosed came yesterday. I'm sorry to whet Harry Gardner's appetite, and now to have to disappoint him. One thing about it at least is that we've been taken "off the hook" - we don't have to wait any longer to see what their decision is. It would have been nice to have had Harry's visit too.

Father Vincent Guinan told me about Father Ernest Lajeunesse's publication on Assumption Parish. I'll have to get a copy for our Priests' Library. Thanks for sending the information.

Things are getting rather busy here. Gene Heyck wants us to look over Father John Sheehy's books and pick out what will be useful for the library. That makes a good side job, and should result in some useful acquisitions for the Library.

Best wishes. Please tell Harry that I'm sorry about this.

In Christ, John Janisse, CSB

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John B. Janisse  
June 11, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
June 11, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks very much for sending the additional copies of the Chapter Reports. It sounds to me as if Father Fred Black is much the same as Harold Gardner. He wants us to put in a new circulation procedure by September (a new charging system, that is). When I wrote to him telling him I've been lining things up, but would wait for his word before making any final decision, he wrote back that there should be enough good people around to make the decision, and that we should not wait for his arrival to decide on this. When I told Dr. Sullivan, who's the Chairman of our Library Building Committee, his remark was, "He's an administrator."

The pace is quickening here, but I'm enjoying it (we're going ahead with the developing of the Mezzanine right now).

Father Vincent Guina made Father Eillott Allen's retreat at the High School, and he's enthusiastic about it. It sounds as if it must have been a real good one. I'd like to hear what they have to say at one of the experimental retreats (I feel the 'liberals' have something valuable to say). I wish more dialogue were possible when the confreres are all together, - that you wouldn't have to be in a smaller group before views could be aired.



John B. Janisse  
June 11, 1968

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I leave for holidays next Sunday.

I hope all goes well with you. Enclosed please find a check for the Chapter Reports, and thanks again for sending them.

In Christ,

John Janisse, C.S.B.

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Michael J. Oliver  
May 2, 1967

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
May 2, 1967.

Dear Father Scollard -

Recently I had a request from the local O.M.I. asking for all copies of the Catholic Directory to be sent to the archivist of the General House in Rome. This suggested the question: Do we have, i.e. do you have as our archivist a complete set in your files: 1961-1967, inclusive.

If you don't and would like to, let me know and I'll try to send you any editions that are missing.

Hope to go east for the Holy Rosary celebration in June.

Kind regards to your household.

Yours fraternally in Christ

M.J. Oliver, CSB

The Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Ont.

P.S. I could send you seven copies if you wish.

MJO

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Michael J. Oliver  
November 28, 1967

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
Nov. 28, 1967.

Dear Father Bob,--

Thanks for your letter and Newsletter. Sorry to hear of Father Jim Murphy's death. He was a great man and a good priest. While I was in Owen Sound I got to know him and admire him. He was the soul of dependability.

Re. the Owen Sound Parish Map which appears in your newsletter: 1) too bad you didn't add a scale of miles; 2) in the title below it's should read its.

Is Dan Burns on the staff of St. Pius, Calgary?  
If not who is?

Father Frank Mallon exchanges Directories with me.

There is still much to do re. the Directory: deliveries, payments, etc. However, all this is not pressing. Hope to send you a few items before long.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally in Christ,  
M.J.O.

(Letter from Father Michael Oliver to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





Michael J. Oliver  
April 12, 1968

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The Catholic Directory of British Columbia  
5960 Chancellor Blvd.  
Vancouver 8, B.C.  
April 12, 1968

Dear Father Scollard, -

Thanks for your letter and the news.

Am mailing today to Father Harold Gardner copies of the Directory of 1963 and 1965 as requested. They are hard to find. Please explain that I was fortunate to find them at St. Anthony's parish. They are marked up rather badly but are all there.

I remember Father Louis Gibra at Barrie when I was a youngster. I am inclined to think that he left soon after the coming of Dean Egan. My guess is that he went to Penetang to be with Father Labreanu. By the way that church in Penetang was dedicated - if that's the right word - to the S.J. martyrs long before they were canonized. I served Mass there in the mid '60's when it was a basement only. After Mass Father Labreanu corrected my "Et cum spirituo" to "Et cum spiritu tuo".

I suppose you have consulted Father John R. Teefy's Jubilee Volume. It has a lot of interesting information re the priests of Toronto of the early days. I don't have a copy here. There used to be dozens of them in the old library at St. Michael's College on the second floor next to the Church.

The House of Providence records may be at Providence Villa. There might be a reference to his death and burial at Barrie or at St.



Michael J. Oliver  
April 12, 1968

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Paul's, Toronto, or even in St. Basil's.  
However many churches do not keep record of  
their Sunday announcements.

Am recently back from retreat in Saskatoon.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

M.J.Oliver, C.S.B.

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in Toronto)



Richard J. Schiefen  
April 16, 1967

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
Sunday, April 16, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

Here I am again to request a favor. I wonder if it would be ok. if my last two junior priest reports did not come in until mid-June. I expected to have no difficulty but Bob Lamb's illness has caused me no little difficulty ...

This year we gave the students exactly the kind of retreat they have wanted - non compulsory, a different speaker for each conference, topics they themselves selected, discussion groups to follow each conference etc. The first conference was attended by 12 students. The last by 10. Some of the in-between talks had as many as 30. Help! Thank God I wasn't responsible for its organization. I'd be depressed enough to slit my wrists. Sam Femiano rather ran the show but his publisher demanded his thesis this week so he lost interest toward the end.

My best to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dick Schiefen.

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Richard J. Schiefen  
November 29, 1968

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London House  
Mecklenburgh Square  
London, W.C.1.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for writing and for sending me a copy of the Seminary Library Bulletin.

Unfortunately Thomas Baker died some years ago. His wife evidently tried to keep the business going for a little while but she was too elderly and it was too much for her. It closed down several years ago. There is another London bookshop that seems to be very good. A week or so ago they put out a theology catalogue. I can have one sent to you most probably though with Christmas mail starting I cannot guarantee when you'll get it. If I were you, I'd write to them to make sure you get on their mailing list:

Dillon's University Bookshop; 1 Malet Street,  
London W.C.1, England.

Evidently they are the only one worth recommending in London. The catalogue looked good to me. My source of information recommended another English bookshop and showed me their catalogue. Write to:

Howes Bookshop; 3 Trinity Street; Hastings,  
Sussex.

Ask them for the catalogue that contains the theology listing. I am told that there are a number of second-hand booksellers in Ireland that are quite good. If you want a more complete listing let me know. In the meantime the following is recommended:





Richard J. Schiefen  
November 29, 1968

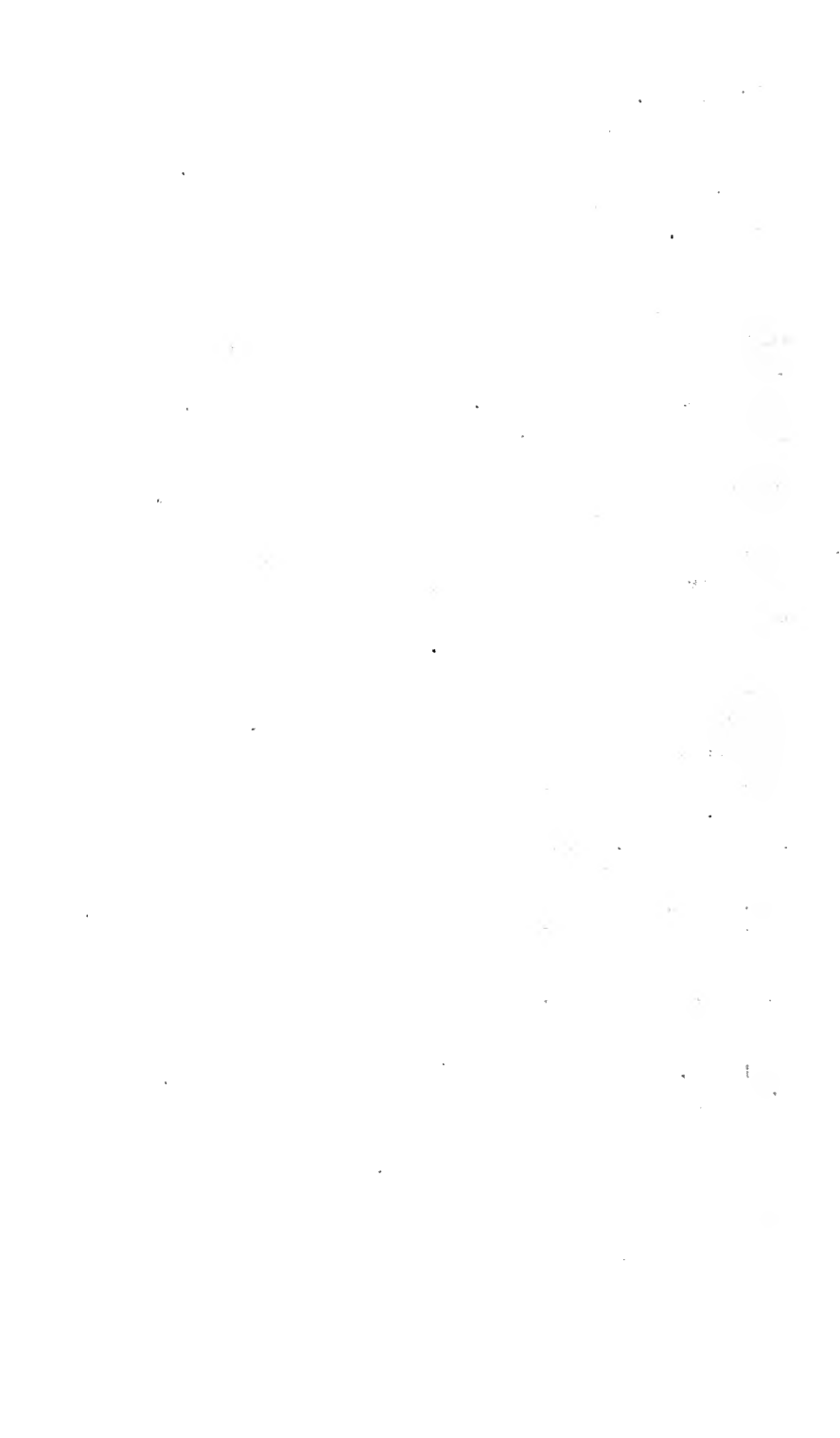
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Treaty Books, Barringtons Mall, Limerick,  
Ireland.

I regularly visit the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement who operate what is called the "Catholic Central Library" here in London. One of the assistants is a Rochesterian and a graduate of Aquinas Institute, believe it or not. He graduated in 1955. Anyway the woman who works there is excellent and she will be glad to give you any information that you request. The same is true of Miss Elizabeth Poyser, the Westminster diocesan archivist, whom I see several days a week. Finally, Dillon's is not far from lodging so again, call on me if I can be of any help.

Thus far my work has been proceeding more successfully than I had anticipated. The director of my thesis edits the Journal of Ecclesiastical History and this has been handy. I just reviewed my second book for the Journal, and when I submitted a rough draft of a possible chapter for the thesis, he suggested that we publish it in the Journal. I suspect it won't be until next year before the article gets in since the thing only comes out twice a year.

You mention two Aquinas grads cleaning your library. It shows how fast time moves on. I've never heard of either of them though I taught a Tom Bonsignore about eleven years ago and they may be related. Do you think that the contemporary seminarian would really use sand paper on brass nails? You have a good memory. I also recall picking the plaster



Richard J. Schiefen  
November 29, 1968

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out of what was to become the front lawn of the seminary, but I think that was Father Hubert Coughlin's crew. And I can even recall you and "Jet" Janisse supervising us as we moved the books from St. Mary's Street. Gene Malley and Terry Forestell were on the crew or "chain gang". There may be a lot of water over the dam, but here I am - still in school. That's a mild gripe.

I enjoy London but will be glad when the exile is over. Even the weather has been nicer than I expected. We've had a lovely autumn though it is getting a little dismal now.

My best to all.

Yours ever,

Dick

P.S. Be sure to get Lord Acton and His Times by David Mathew. It's excellent and just out a few months. (Eyre & Spottiswoode)

(Letter from Father Richard Schiefen. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Patrick O. Braden  
May 6, 1967

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
May 6, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

Many thanks for the volume of data on appointments covering the time up to the publication of the Annals. We are continuing the reading of the lives of confreres, and nearly everyone here seems to think it is good. Some of the scholastics help me, mostly using the Annals and the Lives, to get about a half a page, about a minute or so, on each person. We skip a few days, or transfer a bit to fill in vacant days. A few times at the priests' residence confreres have given their own version of life with Father X, as they remember him, for a kind of personal touch.

I'll be in Toronto in two weeks for Stan Kutz's group meeting, so may see you then. Father John Meyer is very weak, though not confined to bed. You may know that we are planning a new library, and are in almost critical need of someone with the library knowledge and administrative ability to make a success of it. Would you like a job?

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Pat Braden

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George L. Vander Zanden  
June 28, 1967

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University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana  
Wednesday, June 28/67

Dear Father Scollard,

This is just a short note to thank you for the Newsletter and for asking Father Wey about the commutation of the junior clergy exams. Merci beacucoup!

I'm enjoying the courses and especially the time for reading and discussing with other persons of varied background.

I haven't come across Father Bernard McAvoy yet, but am keeping an eye peeled for him.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming Chapter,

George

P.S. I also got the duplicate of the letter sent to the Bishop. Another "thanx".

(Letter from Father George Vander Zanden.  
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the general archives of the Basilian Fathers  
in Toronto)





William J. Brown  
July 1967

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Greetings from the British Museum. A fascinating library and not too difficult to use. I have enjoyed both the work and the sights so far. Quite a city this London. I am situated at 368 Uxbridge Road, London, W 12 until sometime in July - then I pound the pavement again. More to follow.

My best regards,  
Bill

(Postcard from Father William Joseph Brown to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Kevin J. Kirley  
September 21, 1967

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
1e September 21, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

I am grateful to you for the necrology cards of deceased Basilians you left in the office at the Seminary before I left Toronto. They will help me considerably towards a collection which I would like to make as complete as possible. Could I now make a further request in this domain, to wit, that you save for me, should you come across an extra one, the necrology card of the following confreres:

T.J. McGuire, George R. Phelan, William J. Roach, Cyril O. Bergeron, Alexander J. Denomy, Charles M. Kelly, John F. Onorato, John V. Corrigan, H. Basil Regan, Joseph T. Muckle, Vincent J. Fullerton, Uldège J. Girard, John D. Sheehy.

I would also very much appreciate the latest necrology list of C.S.B.'s; mine goes only to 1965. People smile when I tell them my hobby is collecting mushrooms and deceased confreres. It is really two hobbies and I distinguish carefully between them.

Sincerely with prayers,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

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Kevin J. Kirley  
September 11, 1968

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Annecy, September 11, 1968  
Haute Savoie, France

Dear Father Scollard,

Having been assured by Bernard Buisson that he sent his letter off to you containing additional bits of information on the deceased conferes in this part of the world, I made no great effort to get any sort of word to you, before your deadline, September 15th. The only thing I could add now is that Père Merle was indeed a priest and a Basilian, not a layman, and that the man I had in mind was M. Raynaud, the math teacher, in whose honor the Prix Raynaud Foundation was established.

Thank you so much for your page-long letter inserted into the package of xeroxed notes. Confreres abroad will always be grateful to you for your kind efforts to keep them abreast of community news. On this very point, should you be talking to any of the scholastics who know Bob Barringer you might encourage them to write him now and again. In a recent letter to me he complained of no word from the confreres for a fairly long period of time, and felt a bit cut off. It is not like Bob to complain, and heaven knows he is, and always has been, wonderfully community conscious.

On returning to Annonay with Fathers George Beaune and Marcel Lextraite, I found Ian Boyd and John Tucker at the College. They had both been down to St. Alban-sous-Sampson for a stretch, which included the camp session (Aug. 16-24) we hold annually for the students who are thinking more or less seriously of the



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priesthood. Apparently the campers got a kick out of Ian's size and unco-ordinated movements, but had to admit whenever they went swimming "le monsieur nage drôlement bien". Ian was very pleased with his stay in France, not only to become acquainted with the French confreres but because he accomplished a good deal of work on his doctoral reading and writing. John, too, would willingly have stayed longer and p plans to come back to Annonay should the opportunity arise - no mean victory for the French Basilians, I would say, over one who made no secret of his anti-French prejudices. John worked hard at his French: grammar, phonetics, conversation, reading, and showed remarkable improvement despite his protestations to the contrary. Father René Robert gave him an hour's tutoring each day and I two hours for about ten days. This, plus his own efforts over the entire period helped him to progress to the point where he could express himself reasonably well and understand most of what was said to him and about him. He enjoyed working with Father Robert and seemed to delight in the fact that Father Robert could not quite figure him out. He completely baffles even French critical analysis, although Robert manages to formulated some incisive judgments most which I would say hit the mark with deadly accuracy. But there, too, John enjoys being hit dead on. We brought both John and Ian to Annecy Monday afternoon, leaving them at a stop where they could catch the bus to Geneva. After a couple of days in Switzerland they intend to go to Paris for a week and then back to Oxford and Aberdeen, respectively.





What are we doing in Annecy? Making our annual retreat, that's what, in a Jesuit retreat house overlooking le lac d'Annecy and the city. It is an ideal site for prayer and recollection. On three sides of us tower some of the French Alps, great limestone masses with jagged tops liked the chewed off ends of driftwood.

Hardy, scraggly evergreens like dried seaweed struggle up as high as they dare go, and a soft September haze slightly veils the whole perspective from the lake to the peaks and clouds, at least it was so yesterday; today it is all being rained on, with one weepy streaky cloud mass following another.

We are making what might be called an old fashioned retreat; silence at all meals, no recreation periods, no discussions. We spend most of our time praying or sleeping, which I must admit, suits me fine. The retreat master gives three conferences a day, wholly based on scripture, Vatican II documents, and encyclicals, stressing the main themes such as God's love for us, our response in service and prayer, the problems of sin and infidelity etc. As you see from the date we are only on the second day so I don't know what is yet to come. He is really very good and helpful.

There are 23 priests making the retreat, seven Basilians plus two diocesan priests from the Collège, the rest parish priests from round about. I am struck by their genuine piety and humility, as well as the zeal with which they prepare each day's liturgy. About 20 of us concelebrate, the singing for which we rehearse before the Mass. The only office we recite in common is vespers at 6:45 p.m. just before



supper. The problem of a uniform translation makes it impossible to do much more than that. Instead of reading at table, we listen to a disc, a special retreat series put out by Manresa on such subjects as prayer, sin, conversion, God the Father, the Virgin Mary, etc., a combination of commentary on sacred texts with music both vocal and instrumental. At first I didn't go for it too much, but by the 4th or 5th meal I began listening intently. Father René Robert is in charge of the record player and has to eat near the thing so he can regulate the volume, a protective measure more than anything else.

Our day is a simple one. Breakfast is the first item on the schedule at 8 am or 8.30. Conference at 9:30 a.m. Mass at 11:15 a.m. Lunch at 12. Conference at 5 p.m. Vespers at 6:45 p.m. Supper 7 p.m. Conference 8:30 p.m. So you see, there is plenty of time for rest, reflexion and writing even. The conference material is rich in scripture references and rich in commentary on them. When such retreat masters can be found, I personally think it is a pity not to make this kind of retreat. The do-it-yourself type or the endless discussion marathons that I found so tedious in Canada just don't compare to this traditional kind of retreat when it is well conducted. To spend these five precious days talking among ourselves would be, it appears to me, like passing by exquisite fruits of every kind on the host's table to go and eat vegetables peelings in the back kitchen.

The basilica of the Visitation, standing to the back of us and much higher, has become a



centre of pilgrimage since the bodies of Sts. Francis de Sales and Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal were moved there. Their resplendent reliquaries flank the main altar and attract many pilgrims, even in these days when devotion to the saints has cooled considerably. Near the basilica one comes on to the convent of the Visitation founded by St. Jane F. de Ch., one of the 86 she founded, one of the 185 now in existence throughout the world. Once a strictly cloistered community, they now receive lay guests (women) for retreats the year round, a permission granted them after Vatican II.

In the midst of the town, but on a hill of its own has been built an impressive fortified castle by I'm not sure whom. A fine beach stretches around the west side of the lake, popular for swimming and boating, if one can judge from yesterday when the weather was fine. Sail boats, row-boats, and launches ply in every which direction, managing somehow to avoid encountering one another. When I think of the hundreds of lakes in Quebec and Ontario alone, France with its 50,000,000 people on holidays could do with a few of them. Maybe that is one of the things Big Charles de Gaulle had in mind when he began shouting out heartily to his long lost cousins at Stadacona last summer, or was it Hochelaga?

On this bitter note I had best come to a close and get back to more prayerful and charitable thoughts. I shall keep a sonar ear revolving for more useful information on deceased confreres and really whatever comes



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in with dispatch. This sort of thing does interest me, akin as it is to one of my two favorite past-times: collecting dead Basilians and hunting mushrooms.

With all best wishes for a new school year, I remain yours sincerely in Christ,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

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September 17, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
17 September 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for three letters: August 26, Sept. 3, Sept. 10. I wrote you from Annecy during our retreat but by ordinary mail so this one, written after, will reach you first.

I went over all the names on the xeroxed sheets with Bernard Buisson, but he was unable to add any information beyond what he sent you in his letter. It remains for me to prod Fathers Félix Pouzol and Jean Roure into ferreting out a few more names and dates. J.R. thinks his mother will be able to identify a few of the Montréal-Largentièrre people. It will take time, however.

We shall have a full school this year, but also insufficient numbers in our final classes "classes terminales" which means no government help for the salaries of all the people who teach that grade (including myself). The house, that is, we, the CSB's, will have to foot the bills. George Beaune moved books, bag and baggage from the novitiate to the college yesterday, into Wally Platt's room. He will be teaching troisième (Grade 12 in Ontario), and is flat master for the senior boarders and a number of other things. Please excuse the pen and ink. Some days my fingers are a bit too stiff for the typewriter keys. May prayers for you and all at St. Basil's Seminary.

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

P.S. Merle was a Basilian. It was Raynaud I was thinking of.



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Annonay (Ardèche)  
8 October 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

It was good of you to write September 27, giving me news of my mother and the community. I don't know how valuable the letters will be for your work. There aren't all that many references to Annonay in them, or even to Europe, but I'm sure my mother is pleased to know they are in good hands. They were really keepsakes for her more than anything else. But I don't believe she ever re-read them much after reception, at least that was my conclusion judging from the incredibly inaccessible corner she kept them in under the stairs.

It's raining buckets here at the moment, one of these dull wet days that follow in the wake of a strong south wind. Our final year students (classes terminales) are on retreat up at Maison St. Joseph, so that leaves me with a free hour this afternoon.

What used to be the students' retreat of two or three days has become a day of recollection for each class. The homeroom teacher plans the day and either gives the conferences himself and says a Mass for the group, or he brings in an outside priest, as is the case with our seniors today.

In the absence of the Seconde A homeroom teacher, roughly Grade 13, I conducted their day of recollection last Wednesday, in conjunction with Father Jacques Deglesne, who



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is in charge of the science section. The word came to me rather late, so anything like careful preparation was out of the question. However, I did manage to get up two conferences on "Love" taken largely from Eric Fromm's, "The Art of Loving" plus the New Testament. We held our first "causerie" at 8 am, I delivering the goods for about 30 minutes and they discussing for about 20. It went reasonably well, though frank and constructive dialogue on the problems that bother kids their age is not easily come by in a classroom. After that they had their regular morning classes. In the afternoon we met for another conference or discussion, 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. That one went a little better. One hour of normal class followed. Then preparation for their Mass which was scheduled for 4 p.m. Throughout the day they got to confession, either to one of the priests on the staff or to an Assumptionist from Doezioux who came part of the afternoon. The Mass preparation was a hopeless shambles. By that time of day they were no longer in a very receptive mood to consider things spiritual.

The Mass itself proved to be something of a strained exercise. Father Deglesne was celebrant, and I led the group (about 55) in song, reluctant though they were to follow after I had gone slightly astray a couple of times in the melody of the processional or entrance hymn. Those who had texts to read, and intentions, read them quite well, and the number of Communions was gratifying, but the Holy Sacrifice was not exactly followed with wrapt attention. We had them all come up and



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stand about the altar after the Offertory, which may have been a mistake for a mixed group of giddy French teenagers.

To end their day of recollection they had a dissertation to write (one hour) on the theme of the day's conferences, using their New Testaments. On reading over the copies afterwards, I felt both terrified and relieved - relieved at how well some had synthesized the day's reflections, terrified at what others said I had said about love. At 7 p.m. it was all over. I don't really know how much the Seconde A profited from their day, but one thing is sure, I'm deeply grateful there's only one such day a year. I'm wondering now if two mornings, one in September, one in June, would not be better in the long run, and less hectic for all concerned, a suggestion, by the way, I made years ago, 1957 or thereabouts.

Saturday last we held our opening of the year teachers' meeting. It began at 2:30 p.m. and (miraculously!) ended at 4:30 p.m. followed by cookies and champagne in the refectory. One of the young lay teachers (François Faurite) had just received his licentiate degree. Elections to the College Council were part of the agenda. Next time you see Wally Platt you might tell him Father Prêcheur was almost not elected, and what a catastrophe that would have been. On this cheery note I shall close. I should like to write many things but time just runs out. Greet Gerry Gregoire for me, and all the frères.

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB





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November 14, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
07 Annonay, France  
Thursday, November 14, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for many things recently: your letters of October 29 and November 4 respectively, the memorial cards of Bob Montague (excellent) and the proof page of the Dictionary of Basilian Biography. Please forgive me for not having answered sooner: things have been falling thick and heavy of late - meetings, devoirs, term papers, etc.

Regarding some extra copies of the Dictionary, I think it would be a fine gesture to present a complimentary copy to people who helped Father Charles Roume and your figure of ten would seem adequate to me, even though I have not sounded anyone out here on just who collaborated in the research. If ten does not strain your budget too much, I feel sure we can place that many with both ease and effectiveness.

Regarding further information on certain French Basilians, I made a list for Father Jean Roure of all those who came from the Lower Ardèche so that he could ask his mother about them when home on a visit. He showed them to her all right, but she was not feeling well enough that day to be of any help. Perhaps she will feel up to it in a little while, or pass the names on to some one else in the area who could supply some useful information. In any case, we have not forgotten about your request, and work is proceeding, slowly however.



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You do have your experiences on Sunday work, what with the contestation during the sermon and surplice fires. In the old days, the torch bearers would have dealt with the man coming into the sanctuary; as for the low candles, I don't know what one can do by way of precaution except to keep in mind the foreman's advice about not leaning over flames: the ashes that fall might be your own.

For the Toussaint I went to a little parish in the mountains, St. Columbi r-sous-Pilat, where I heard confessions for about four hours on the eve, then another hour on November 1st, followed by an extra-high Mass with eloquent homily etc. etc. The cur  in a gesture of generosity known only at bigger feasts times slipped the equivalent of \$5 into my hand, which included the Mass intention. Having graciously thanked him, I drove away and bit a piece out of the steering wheel before reaching the first bend in the road. However, spiritually I felt uplifted at the noble effort over the two days. Clearly parochial ministry over here is done out of sheer devotion to the power of the Holy Spirit working in souls, and no doubt younger religious would ask out of what other possible motive would it be undertaken.

We enjoyed Father Bill Young's visit, and found him a unifying force during our plenary meeting with the scholastics from Paris. The confr res here are deeply grateful to him for his interest in everything. They also admire his facility of expression and readiness to listen and understand.



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My everyday work is keeping me rather effectively from doing much on my pastime: writing sketches and incidents about life in France, but occasionally I jot a few down for posterity sake. Everyone is well here and busy.

My prayers for all at 95 St. Joseph Street,

Kevin J. Kirley, CSB

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December 28, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
07 Annonay, France  
December 28, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your thoughtful Christmas card with news note inside, and also for a letter or two, I believe, since my last one to you. I hope you enjoyed a holy and peaceful Christmas and that the New Year will be the same throughout.

Unfortunately I have no help to give you on the biographies; nothing has yet come in from the families down around Largentière. You can understand how great works of art sometimes took centuries to complete over here. You mentioned Monsignore Mollier. I recall having had dinner with him and about fifteen others at Prades one September 14th. He was quite hard of hearing then, I think it was back in about 1955, but enjoyed talking about Canada. Father Pierre was there also, one of his colleagues, or was it Lapierre. I'm not sure which. Father Charules Roume knew them well, of course, and it was thanks to him that I got in on the dinner, a cœlurgy dinner, with all the food and drink that that entails, although I had earned part of it, having sung the ever-so-solemn Mass outside for the assembled pilgrims. Monsignor Mollier's brother lives and works at the Maison des Oeuvres here in Annonay. In fact I used to be his confessor prior to 1962, but I don't think he ventures out very much any more, certainly not to climb this long steep hill.





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Speaking of dinners, did you ever eat tripe? We had it today, a first for me, and I found it rather enjoyable, though I don't believe I would order it in a restaurant. Our second cook is a tripe specialist, in fact she runs a tripe shop downtown, but she doesn't serve it very often to us. The thing takes three days to prepare.

We have lots of company at the moment: Murray Bogdasavich, Bob Barringer, the four French (correction: five) scholastics from Paris, and tomorrow we expect four more students from Oxford, friends of Bob's. They help to liven the place up in the absence of our own enrolled youth.

A number of the confreres are away just now: Father Georges Reynouard in the lower Ardèche, Father Lucien Brot, too. Father René Robert is on a week's holidays with his mother and George Beaune and Jacques Deglesne have just left for Paris for a few days, taking the two Sisters along with them. Mother Aurienne has a brother on the outskirts of Paris where the two latter will stay.

Being back in library work you might enjoy this little incident which happened early in December of this year. After classes one day George Beaune and I were called to the parlour, since we are two thirds of the English staff. We found there a young Dutchman with his supposed French wife (she to smooth out his French whenever explanations became too involved) not selling but giving away a whole set of Collier's Encyclopedia, the most recent edition, printed at the Oxford Press, 24 volumes.



And that was not all, in addition they threw in ten volumes of children's stories, two dictionaries and a book of tokens worth about \$100 for buying other Collier's useful school reference books. For about an hour and a half they expounded on the value of this fantastic offer, which indeed looked fantastic enough to us. Of course the whole work was in English, so its use would be rather limited, but so long as the students had access even to an article from time to time, they were willing to make this great donation on behalf of Collier's. To clinch the deal, the director, Father René Robert, had to be called in. It was only then, when he arrived that they informed us of the other condition: we would have to subscribe to the ten subsequent volumes coming out in the next ten years and pay \$40 a volume, the whole \$400 within four years. Naturally George and I expected a hidden clause would have to be revealed sooner or later. We couldn't imagine such liberality even on the part of such a large-hearted firm as Colliers. And we at once agreed the price of the supplements was more than we could afford in our modest circumstances. But it was Father Robert who "clinched the deal" and brought the whole affair to a stormy conclusion by telling the chap he was manifestly dishonest in trying to convince us a spectacular gift was being offered when in fact we were being asked to buy the whole set for \$400. Indignation on the part of the Dutchman, who spoke French laboriously, piercing thrusts from Robert's rapier tongue, while the dove like lady turned panther and clawed



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all of us. Needless to say the luring samples were quickly stuffed into their travelling cases, somewhat irreverentially, I thought, and a chilly "Bonjour Madame, Bonjour Monsieur" separated us in opposite directions. At supper that night the affrontery of such insidious transactions was thoroughly tossed about, and while no anti-Americanism was expressed, I doubt very much that Collier's Encyclopedia will ever grace our extra library shelves. Tant pis pour Collier's! Or is it us?

Sincerely in Christ,

Kevin

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Edward X. Ronan  
September 30, 1967

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Missions  
514 Carlisel St.  
Rosenberg, Texas 77471  
Sat. Sept. 30

Dear Bob:

I was glad to receive your card and the clipping about John Fillion's recent work. It is gratifying to feel that the Basilians have had a share in helping to promote his great talent.

I will be able to spend about two weeks, in all, in our Texas houses. This is a great privilege and the work here is impressive and in general it is a source of edification. I feel that I can make a slight contribution toward encouraging the good men here, if in no other way, at least coming to see and witness their dedication and the apparent results of about three decades of missionary work along with half a century of Basilian work in Christian education in Texas.

I plan to go to Mexico City in a week and will spend about a week there. After that I will return North by way of the Salesian House in Haiti. I have thought of visiting Jack Conway whose sister, Sister Dymna, is at Colgan Convent. I will attend the Canadian Association for Education through Art convention in Montreal, during the last week of October. Last year we met in Fredericton and I have been the only priest-member. Our President is Mm. Andrée Beaulieu-Green of Montreal.





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I spent one day at Expo on the way south, with Wally Platt, who was passing through Montreal on his way to Paris and Annonay. I am very much looking forward to the opportunity to return to the source of the Basilian tradition later this year.

I believe, Bob, that this unstructured year of travel and research, has great value. I think it should result in many benefits to the work that I hope to do in our community in the future and that I am having an opportunity to grow and develop myself as a Basilian which was not afforded me in the rather hectic programs that were previously containing my energies during the past 25 years.

I see the community and our work in the larger perspective of the Church's mission now - or at least I am seeing it gradually, more and more.

I am getting new insights and am hopeful that God will see fit to make use of me and the priesthood which goes with me in some fruitful way when I have seen and enlarged my potential for service to the Basilians by this opportunity to become aware of the real world, which is not the little world of boys in a little boys' school. No doubt you are busy with the Basilian Annals these days. I know mother would appreciate a visit from you. Her phone: Tottenham 936-4407.

In Christ and Marry

Ed Ronan, C.S.B.



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P.S. One comes more and more to appreciate the importance of your own efforts to set up community communications through the Annals and the Newsletter which you have been producing.

Please give my regards to John Egsgard and Father Wey - both of whom have been very thoughtful in enabling me to attain this great privilege which I appreciate so much.

Do write again if you have a few minutes. I will pick up mail at Father John Mullin's residence, 1340 Craig Street East, Montreal and will always receive it if you send it to my sister: Mrs. R.J. Woods, 1450 Normandy Crescent, Ottawa 5, Canada.

Hope you still have your little visits to the foyer at 1515 Bathurst on Saturday evenings.

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November 27, 1967

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c/o White Friars  
London Road  
Cheltenham, Glos., England  
Nov. 27, 1967.

Dear Father Scollard:

Glad to get your letter and at the same time sorry to hear of another sudden death. I'm sure the four deaths in recent months have been a blow to the community.

I visited Bob Barringer at Oxford and spent Saturday seeing the University and the Ashmolean Museum with him. He is well and seems to be quite pleased with his program. He maintains a good community spirit and certainly seems very promising.

The previous week-end spent a day with Ed Bader and Will Coyle in London. Both are well. Dan Mulvihill flew home for Joe Dean's funeral in Detroit. I hope to go north for a visit with Ian Boyd and will try in all cases to reinforce the confreres in love and loyalty to our great community.

Plan to spend Christmas with George Beaune at Annonay and I say Mass every day and am averaging at least eight hours sleep a night. Climate is damp but only slight frost so far.

Will pray for community needs daily.

Ed. R.

P.S. Learning new techniques and getting about 20 hours a week work in at ceramics at Gloucestershire College of Art.



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Bob Barringer plans to spend Christmas with Murray Bogdasavich. Ed Baderplans to go to Detroit, first time home after over two years.

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December 16, 1967

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
Dec. 16, 1967

Dear Father Scollard:

I'm sure this has been a very hectic time for you. I want to thank you for sending the Newsletters and also commend you for the cumulative work you have done over the years in maintaining the history of individuals and contact among the confreres.

I had a fruitful stay of six weeks in England, living with the Carmelites and doing considerable work at the Art College. I spent the last few days before December 12 in London visiting Museums and Art Schools which the Inspector for Ontario, John Emerson had recommended.

I spent two days in Paris with the confreres before coming yesterday to Annonay, where I plan to spend Christmas.

In London, I had visits with Dan Mulvihill and Ed Bader. I think Dan is feeling better. There are several other priests living with him, including Edo Gatto and Frank Bulger (St. Dunstan's). Ed Bader will be in Toronto after New Year's. They get together with Will Coyle regularly. He plans to spend the holidays with relatives in Ireland.

I found everyone in Paris and here well. There is a good spirit among the men in Paris. Father Francis Firth was there and Walter Principe sees them regularly, but I didn't manage to see Walter. Maybe later.



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December 16, 1967

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Here at Annonay everyone is well. George Beaune is hobbled at present with water-on-the-knee. Kevin Kirley and Wally Platt are well. Kevin plans to visit Turin during the holiday time.

I had a nice note from John Egsgard and also a cheerful newsy letter from Jim Carruthers.

Best wishes to you and everyone there for a happy and blessed Christmas. I hope to stay here for a few weeks.

In Christ,

Ed Ronan.

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Edward X. Ronan  
February 24, 1968

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Dear Father Scollard:

After spending nearly three months travelling in Western Europe, I am back in England at Gloucestershire College of Art where I will till Easter.

I am living at: White Firars School, London Road, Cheltenham, Glos., England.

I have enjoyed very good health and managed to average 8-9 hours sleep a night.

I visited all the most notable museums and many of the great cathedrals. Last Saturday I went with the scholastics from Paris to Reims.

On the way through London I saw Ed Bader. He and Dan Mulvihill were up to Oxford last weekend to see Bob Barringer. All the Basilians over here seem to be well. Dan Mulvihill is apparently feeling much better than he was earlier in the year.

I have said Mass every day. The only payment the Carmelites will accept from me here is to say Mass daily for their intentions. I hope to visit Ireland and Scotland before returning home early in June.

I have heard regularly from my mother. She seems to be keeping well. I hope all of you are well there. I will receive mail at this address till my return.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ed Ronan.

P.S. I will visit Ian Boyd after Easter.



Edward X. Ronan  
April 9, 1968

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c/o White Friars  
London Road  
Cheltenham, Glos.  
April 9/1968

Dear Bob:

I have mixed feelings about the news of your retiring from Secretary General. However I'm sure that it has been a great burden and you will find it a great relief to get back to gardening, stonecutting, etc. which you have been neglecting.

I, and I know, many other confreres have appreciated the service you have done the community, especially during the hectic period while you were in office.

I have finished making a silver chalice and I am very pleased with it and anxious to show it to the confreres in June.

I had a letter from John Egard asking me to be sure and make it clear that I was ready and willing to continue to teach at St. Michael's College School (which I am) and I trust I have done so adequately in letters to Father Wey, Father Francis Orsini, and Father John Crowley.

However, I am quite resigned to work wherever I can be useful and am very happy with the prospect of more years of teaching and priestly work as a Basilian (anywhere). I am also glad that you reminded me to see Bill Young while he was here.





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April 9, 1968

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I plan to go after Easter to Ireland and Scotland. My money has stretched out very nicely and I think I will have enough to go to Greece, before returning in early June.

I trust you are going to continue a little historical work in the future. I would be happy to assist in some way with this work (Basilian history) in the future.

God bless you

Ed

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Frederick W. Chaill  
October 5, 1967

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313 East 183 Street  
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Bronx, N.Y. 10458, U.S.A.  
Oct 5th./67

Dear Bob,

Sincere thanks for sending me a copy of the last Newsletter. I'm glad that you were able to track down my address from Bob Fischette. I was actually waiting till I was more settled before I wanted to officially send you my address.

Actually I was hoping to get into a parish house where they would need me only on Sundays and Saturday night. All such places seem to be taken. I have received two offers, but they both demand too much of my time during the week - and I think I have an obligation to the studies, difficult as I find them after my years of teaching. I have Sunday work lined up over in New Jersey and the stipend is \$40.

I am living with two other priests in this apartment. It is a fantastic experience living in this area. I am actually frightened when I have to walk back from the campus (20 minutes) at night. It has all the crime and dirt and filth of the dregs of humanity. It does help with one course - Existential Phenomonology.

I have been over to visit Joe Culliton in his apartment and he seems to be very settled and has a fine place with a little less atmosphere than we have.

My phone number is Area Code 212, 584-9171.



Frederick W. Chaill  
October 5, 1967

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I look forward to any news from the Community  
for I suddenly feel that I have been exiled.

Fraternally in Christ,

F.W. Cahill.

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John A. Warren  
October 10, 1967

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Canadian Forces Base Borden  
c/o Base Chaplain (RC)  
10 Oct 67

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter - and, for your concern.

Am glad to know that I am officially an "officiating clergyman" to the armed forces. To date, I have not received any confirmation from the Powers-that-be, but am expecting it any moment. One of the councillors told me Sunday that I've been named to this "new form of the apostolate" for one year. Good news. It is a good piece of work, and sorely needed. The chaplain services is desperate for priests - about 15 short at the present time.

Re your questions: your address is correct. The telephone number of the Base is Area code 705, number 424-1200. Thanks for the rank compliment, but I am NOT S/L any more, at least not here. Simply "Rev", even though I can claim to the S/L as long as I live. However, an official address should really have "S/L (Ret)" after the name.

As I understand the situation, I shall be helping out here until some time in December. After that I may possibly be continuing on here or planted elsewhere. I don't know what to suggest as an address for the Annals, except St. Basil's Church, as I shall be hanging my hat there when I am not occupied with the military.

Too bad you didn't pop in to Borden when you were so near. We had no spaghetti, but gobs





John A. Warren  
October 10, 1967

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of ice cream and shredded wheat. Come any time; we're loaded.

Am enjoying it here. Lots of work and pleasant people to work with. Confirmation next Sunday p.m. with the new Military Bishop (Spence) officiating for about 130 confirmandi. All the brass will be in attendance, including meself.

Keep the faith. Regards to the Gaughans, et al.

Jack.

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Edmund J. McCorkell  
October 16, 1967

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Oct. 16, 1967

Dear Bob -

I never thought that Dowdall was a Basilian. He wrote to me during the publicity of St. Michael's College Diamond Jubilee (or 75th Anniversary) or had a letter written shortly before he died in which it was stated that the dream of his life was to have a Catholic College in the nation's capital in charge of the Basilians. I attended his funeral a few weeks later, driving from Ottawa with Peter Heenan.

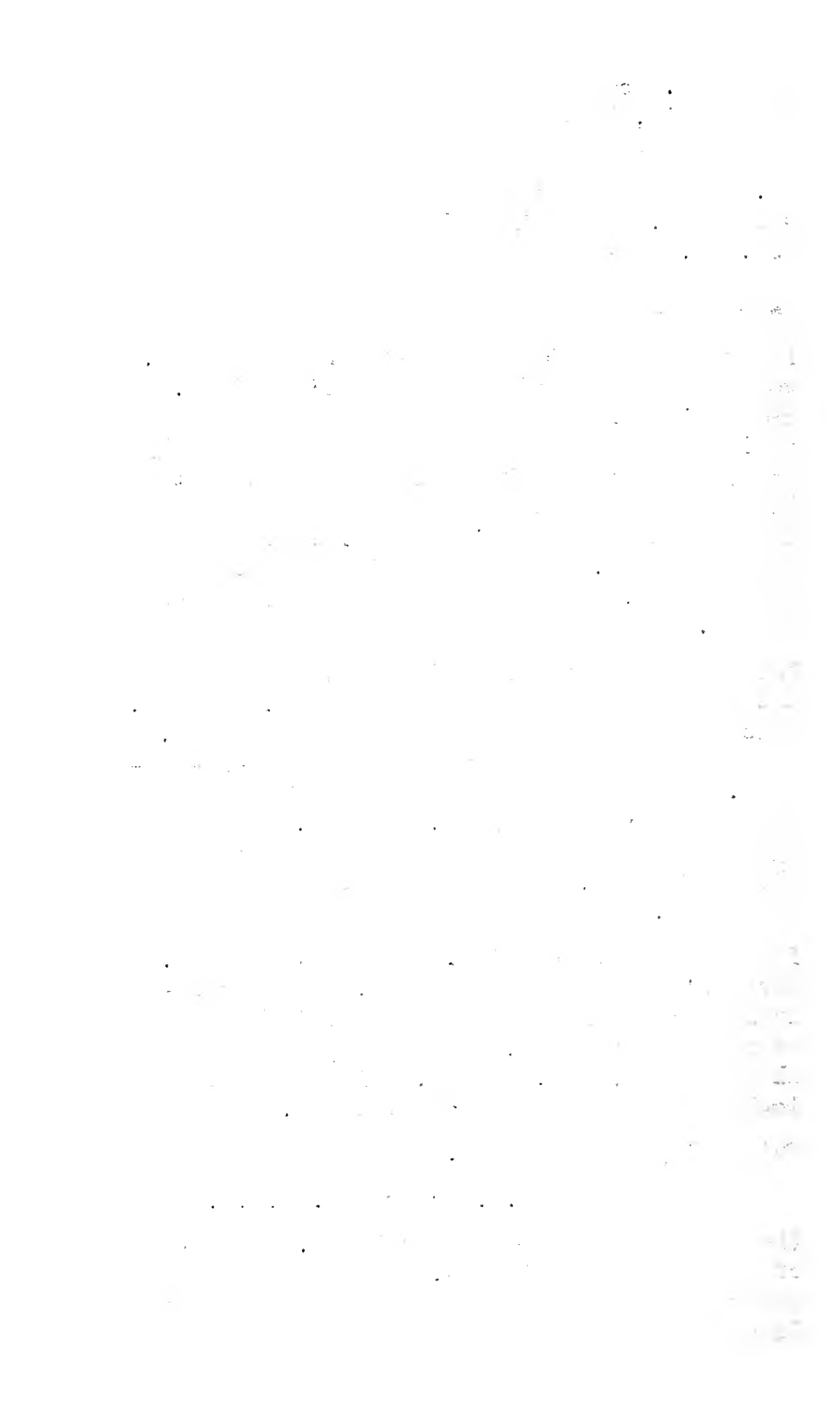
Father Henry Carr wrote in his letter to Father Anthony Lococo about vocations about Dowdall. "Incidentlly he was a Basilian for a while. He left us because we were too "stuck-in-the-mud". He went on to describe a sermon on Heaven he preached in St. Basil's. After three quarters of an hour he called for a glass of water, and then went on for another half hour.

I saw him once or twice. His visits to St. Michael's were before my time. Once he occupied with his huge bulk the stairway steps near the front door, and McBrady who came along was blocked. "Well", said McBrady, "You look like a lump of primeval chaos."

Faithfully yours in Dmo.

E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.

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Edmund J. McCorkell  
January 27, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Jan. 27, 1968

Dear Bob -

I did not know about Frank Firth's defense of his thesis. I hope it was successfully defended.

You may be sure that Dan Meader attended the Separate School in Orillia. There certainly was a Separate School. His father was a Protestant until Basil Sullivan went to Watertown, N.Y., at the request of one of the girl Meaders and brought him into the Catholic Church. Is it possible that he forced Dan to go to a Public School?

The way to find the names of the parents of Meader is to contact Mrs. Reid. She is a Meader, and was a nurse at the City Hall. I mean employed by the City. I think she is alive. Basil Sullivan would probably know the father's name. Mrs. Reid's name used to be in the Toronto telephone book.

Father T.J. Hayes was buried from St. Basil's Church in Toronto and Msgr. Cline preached. He was very likely buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Toronto. Father John Plomer was probably buried in Detroit with the priests.

As to Fitzpatrick, he died at Bar Harbor and was buried there so far as I know. There was no cemetery for priests there, but there was likely a Catholic cemetery. Monsignor W. Davis was a friend and visited him often, but he did not attend the funeral, nor did I. There was some criticism of the way Fitzpatrick



Edmund J. McCorkell  
January 27, 1968

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set the housekeeper up in a house, but she had worked all thru the depression for nothing and he rewarded her by keeping her for years when she became a helpless arthritic, and he had a house built for her. I kept away from the funeral because of the criticism by neighbor priests. Fitz sent a thousand dollars for the College or Institute which he got from a layman.

I have no suggestion of what to do to find for sure where he was buried, unless it be to write to the Chancellor of the diocese of Portland, Maine.

Sincerely, E.J.M.

P.S. I think your comments on Meader are perfect.

(Letter from Father Edmund McCorkell to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





Edmund J. McCorkell  
June 14, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
June 14, 1968

Dear Bob -

I want to record Father Henry Carr's resignation from the general council in 1923 or 1924. He was elected in 1922, but found the interminable meetings impossible in view of his work as president of St. Michael's. Usually meetings of the general council were all but continuous in July and August.

Carr was appointed Superior of St. Basil's Seminary in 1925, and then re-elected to the general council in 1928. Apparently this was one of the reasons why he did not continue as president and superior of the Seminary, but he continued to live there since that was also the building in which the general curia lived. Father Louis Bondy took over as Superior of the Seminary in that year. I think I only need the date of his resignation from the office of general councillor.

I shall be glad to get my rosary when it is convenient. Meantime I have my fingers.

Sincerely

Ed J. McCorkell, CSB

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Edmund J. McCorkell  
June 15, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
June 15, 1968

Dear Bob -

I am loathe to bother you again, but I do need some dates about Francis Forster. Could you dig up the answers to these:

1. the years Forster taught at St. Michael's, doubtless as a scholastic.
2. year of his novitiate and ordination?
3. Was it 1898 that he became the first superior at Waco?
4. When did he go as Superior at Assumption? I know he left there in 1919.
5. Did he go directly after ordination to Waco? It seems to me that he was a year in the priesthood when he went to Waco as superior, and probably spent that year at Assumption.

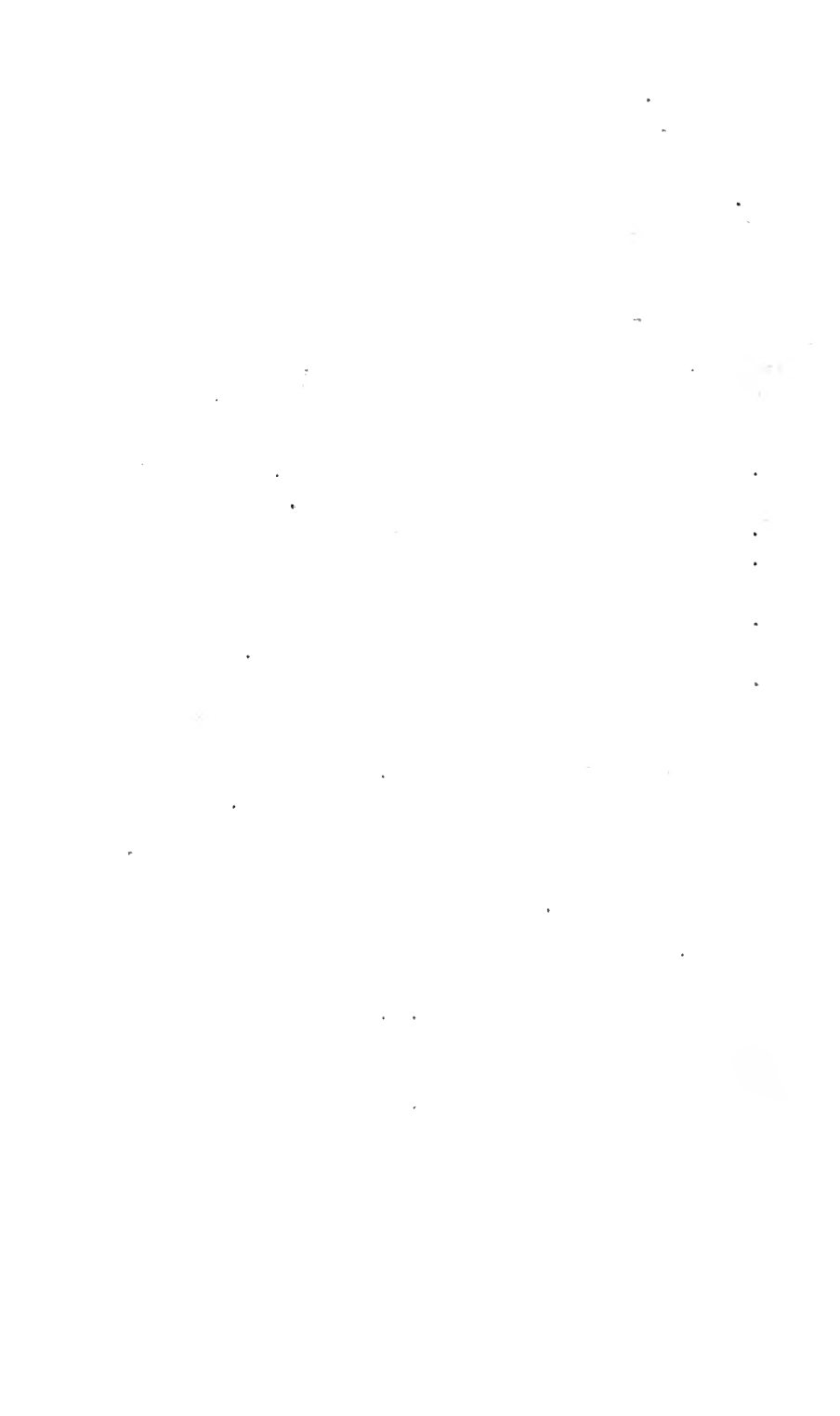
The last question (5) may be hard to answer. It is not too important and so do not spend much time on it.

Thanks.

Sincerely

E.J. McCorkell, CSB

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Edmund J. McCorkell  
July 11, 1968

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Strawberry Island  
July 11, 1968

Dear Bob -

Years ago, perhaps around 1930, Father Henry Carr wrote an article for a Festschrift to Professor Watson of Queen's.

I think I should look at it anyhow. It may be in the Seminary library. At your convenience take a look around to see if it can be found. It is hardly worth while getting it from Queen's or any distant place. It is quite probable I shall not quote from it.

Sincerely yours

Ed McCorkell, C.S.B.

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Edmund J. McCorkell  
October 3, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Oct 3, 1968

Dear Bob -

Thanks for the driving on Monday. Another job now. Griffin wants to use 16 pictures in the Carr biography and suggests that we gather up 24 so that he can choose. I have altered Frank Mallon and Mike Oliver. He has set April next for a target date, but I presume we should look around much earlier than that.

He has given me the job of cutting the size of the volume, and I suppose I shall be busy at that for a while. It will be easy enough to cut out 50 pages, since I padded it a bit fearing it would be too short, but after that cuts will be painful, and I shall not make many beyond that figure.

I made the mistake of not getting the final revisions xeroxed before giving them over to him. I have a more or less complete copy of the typescript without my own final revisions. I shall be busy for the present with what I have however.

Sincerely

E.J.McC.

P.S. Find out for me the name of the artist who did the portrati of Father Henry Carr in Carr Hall. Eugene Henry donated the portrait. He is a former student of Father Carr but not a relative, I believe.

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Edmund J. McCorkell  
December 7, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
December 7, 1968

Dear Bob -

Are you still free to do the index for my book? You are the best qualified, but you may be more rushed with your own business than you anticipated, when you offered to help me.

I seem to have forgotten the year of the purchase of the St. Michael's College farm by Father Laurence Brennan. Was it 1881? You probably told me last summer, but, if so, I have not noted it.

I shall be over on Friday, Dec. 13, and remain for the Bondy affair (L'affaire Bondy).

Fraternally etc.

E.J. McCorkell, C.S.B.

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Vincent J. Guinan  
October 31, 1967

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
31 October 1967

Reverend Robert Scollard, C.S.B.  
The Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto, Ontario 5, Canada

Dear Robert:

Father James Wilson always gives a splendid sermon and that on Father Leslie Vasek was no exception. Leslie's death was a great shock to all of us. He was a most capable teacher and a genius in the art of stretching dollars and planning for the future. His assistance was invaluable in the first years of the university and I will always be grateful to him.

Unfortunately I have a bad habit of speaking from notes rather than from a prepared document. If you will allow some time I believe that I can write a summary from the prepared memorandum. As for the remarks on the occasion of Father Max Murphy's departure for Mexico, I am not certain if any notes remain. However, a search will be made.

Father William Young was not spoiled but made a part of the South. If you take a drink of Bayou water and survive, one is never content to live in any other area.

I will speak to Father John Janisse regarding the history of Assumption parish. Father Ernest Lajeunesse was working on this project this summer. Father Laurence Shook should be



Vincent J. Guinan  
October 31, 1967

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declared "blessed" or "venerable" to withstand the onslaught of twelve speakers before his own.

We have a cold Norther from Canada with us and the temperature has dropped to the high forties. We hope to return this weather to Canada at once.

Cordially yours in Christ,

V.J. Guinan, C.S.B.

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Vincent J. Guinan  
July 1, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
1 July 1968

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph's Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Robert:

As I promised, the outline of the early history of St. Thomas is completed. The summary is now being typed and will arrive in your office this week.

Please feel free to edit or delete as you wish. I had no idea of the length of the article you needed or the particular aspects you wished me to include. Since I am no Father Edward Lee, the style is ordinary and the narrative factual. It was a joy to assemble the material and the entire endeavor served a purpose in enabling me to discard considerable worthless matter in the files.

Cordially yours in Christ,

V.J. Guina, C.S.B.

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Vincent J. Guinan  
July 22, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
July 22, 1968

Reverend Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
Basilian Fathers  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Robert:

Thank you for your note regarding the history of the University of St. Thomas. The extra copy of the brochure on Father Thomas O'Rourke has been mailed.

When I was home I stayed at St. Anne's for two days. You are doubtless aware of the historical data available there. Father Robert Ritz showed me some of the announcement books for the last century and a tribute to one of the early pastors, his funeral Mass, and a history of St. Anne's up to that time.

If you think that any of your Basilian lives would be familiar to me, I will gladly assist in making comments.

Father T.A. MacDonald has been a great warrior and a hard worker. In my opinion, he saved Assumption College from financial disaster. He will not idle for long before he finds some work that will be of value to the community.

The pension application came to a successful conclusion. I received the payment for the past year when the first check arrived. Proof



Vincent J. Guinan  
July 22, 1968

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had to be given that leaving Canada was due to appointment and not by personal voluntary effort. The United States Department of Health and Welfare allows medicare and hospital insurance due to the length of residence in the United States.

Cordially yours in Christ,

V.J. Guinan, C.S.B.

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Daniel J. Mulvihill  
November 1, 1967

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London House  
Mecklenburgh Square  
London, W.C.1.  
Nov. 1/67

Dear Bob:

Just a note from wet London. The weather has been rather miserable but of course that is to be expected. I first put up at the Irish Club, but it was rather expensive and I was fortunate enough to get in here a month ahead of time. This will be my permanent address for a while. It is quite near the British Museum and not too far from the Records Office. I have started to read - not much of significance yet.

Please remember me to the other members of the House. There are several other priests staying here - among them Father Belyea of St. Dunstan's. We have a chapel for Mass and concelebrate at 7:30 every morning. Again the best to all. Would appreciate a copy of the Annals and will report again in the not too distant future.

Yours in Christ

Dan

(Letter from Father Daniel Mulvihill to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Francis D. Flood  
November 8, 1967

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Catholic Central High School  
6565 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48235  
11-8-67

Dear Bob:

Johnny Gaughan gave me your statistical survey of the community when he was down last week and it tells the picture very well. It also reminded me of getting that information for you regarding Cy Bergeron's parents. I had trouble finding the letter but eventually came up with it and called his brother a couple of times. Last night I got him.

Father's name: Joseph (both French)  
Mother's name: Celina Paya

Things are moving along pretty good around here. Haven't seen Bill Gibbons for a long time. It looks like the council meetings are getting longer and more often when there are fewer mento appoint. Of course with all the committees the Council will get more advice than ever to look at. Was over to Assumption a couple of weeks ago for the celebration of Edward Pappert, William O'Meara and Frank Boland and saw their new community room.

It's quite nice. It will be interesting to see how much use it gets. Of course they have a big house and there will always be some around to make use of the facilities. Last Sunday we preached on open housing so John Dearden is still pushing for the Church to be relevant in the social order. I really believe he is a great bishop and has made lots of progress in thinking since the Council. Best wishes to all,

Sincerely, F.D. Flood, CSB





Francis D. Flood  
November 4, 1968

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Catholic Central High School  
6565 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48235  
11-4-68

Dear Bob:

I don't know anything about the various processes of lamination altho I have looked at them at conventions and saw the one they use at St. John Fisher College but can't act as an authority on any of them. I have been noticing the increase in price of books recently and so many books run \$10 or thereabouts. If we ever start to really buy audiovisual materials it surely will run up the budget. So far most of the teachers won't use film strips but rent movies. We seem to add 700 or 800 books a year and lose a few. We lose quite a few but a good many eventually turn up. I believe we have about 7500 which is plenty if up to date. The magazines are used a great deal and we have no room except for about three years to five. We take both the Readers Guide and the Catholic Periodical Index. Best wishes to all

Sincerely

Frank D. Flood, CSB

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Francis E. Monaghan  
December 27, 1967

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77006  
December 27, 1967

Dear Father Scollard,

Here is the information you requested for the Annals. All goes well here. Busy as ten bees with the Christmas Masses and above all things - weddings. I suppose many of the collegians are home for semester vacations and that this is really a more convenient time than summer.

Father Wey, Father Carl and Father Fred Allnoch have gone on a fishing trip. The weather is bade since last night. We have a gentle 40 degrees, slow rain and gale and snow warnings. I suppose the General wishes he were at St. Anne's by the fire but I am sure the Fathers Allnoch would rather die than switch so he now would be standing in water up to his knees and probably already has double pneumonia.

Father Leonard Rush is enjoying his stay. He has many friends here and I have had him included in several affairs in which I have been involved. He writes letters constantly and when not writing me he is on the telephone visiting.

When are you coming South? I hope you are on the next shipment of visitors. April is really the best month so plan accordingly.

Father Vincent Guinan has not been too well. I am sure that Jim Hanrahan will fill you in on all the details.



Francis E. Monaghan  
December 27, 1967

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Today I had a wedding and the photographer was here to do the bridal pictures. I sent for Father Rush and lo and behold he had his picture taken for the Annals. Father Wey delivered your message to him and so did I. Rest in peace now because he has had the picture taken.

Take care of your self. I hear you are the hardest worker in the Curia. Pace yourself.

All good wishes, prayers and blessings for 1968.

Sincerely in Christ,

Frank Monaghan, CSB

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Francis E. Monaghan  
February 21, 1968

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77006  
Feb. 21, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Thanks for the information about Dr. Healy Willan. I had not heard the news about his death. May he have eternal rest, light and peace. His life was thoroughly Catholic in our sense of the word. Political pressures prevented his taking the big step to Romanism.

Father Leonard Rush left last week for Rochester. He enjoyed his stay. He was anxious to get back for fear of losing his job in the lab. I really thought, as did Bob Madden, he should stay on. However, he was getting restless so off he went to New Orleans. Next thing we heard, he was in Rochester, N.Y. Frank Boland has been here for a week. He left this a.m. for New Orleans.

Father Marty O'Toole came home yesterday. He has a downstairs room. Seems to be recuperating slowly. I asked Jim Hanrahan if the Council was going to send us some help to replace Marty. Jim did not know why not. He seemed to think we had men left over. This was quite a surprise to me. He contradicted all the announcements about appointments that Jim Wilson made last month. One said we were not closing Blessed Sacrament, the other we were. It's pretty hard to know just what will happen. The reason I was interested in getting some young help was that I have no one for youth work. The younger





Francis E. Monaghan  
February 21, 1968

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men here are not interested in crazy teenagers. They want "social ACTION". I fail to see why youth work would not be the most fertile field for social action. I really need a young man for the school as well as the church work.

Prayers and best wishes. Take care of yourself.

As ever,

F. Monaghan, CSB

P.S. Come See Us!

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Alfred P. Caird  
January 12, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
Jna. 12, 1968

Dear Bob:

A request: would you look up my office book. I must have left it in the Curial House, probably on the magazine table before the TV, and send it to me. It has my initials on the cover and John Sheehy's name on the inside. Many thanks.

Houston is having its miserable winter weather at present. Wet - cold - gloomy: sun hasn't been seen in close to three weeks. But this ends soon. Father Edwin Garvey seems to be in great spirits and looking forward to the beginnings.

At present no health problems, but the flu does seem to be running around Houston.

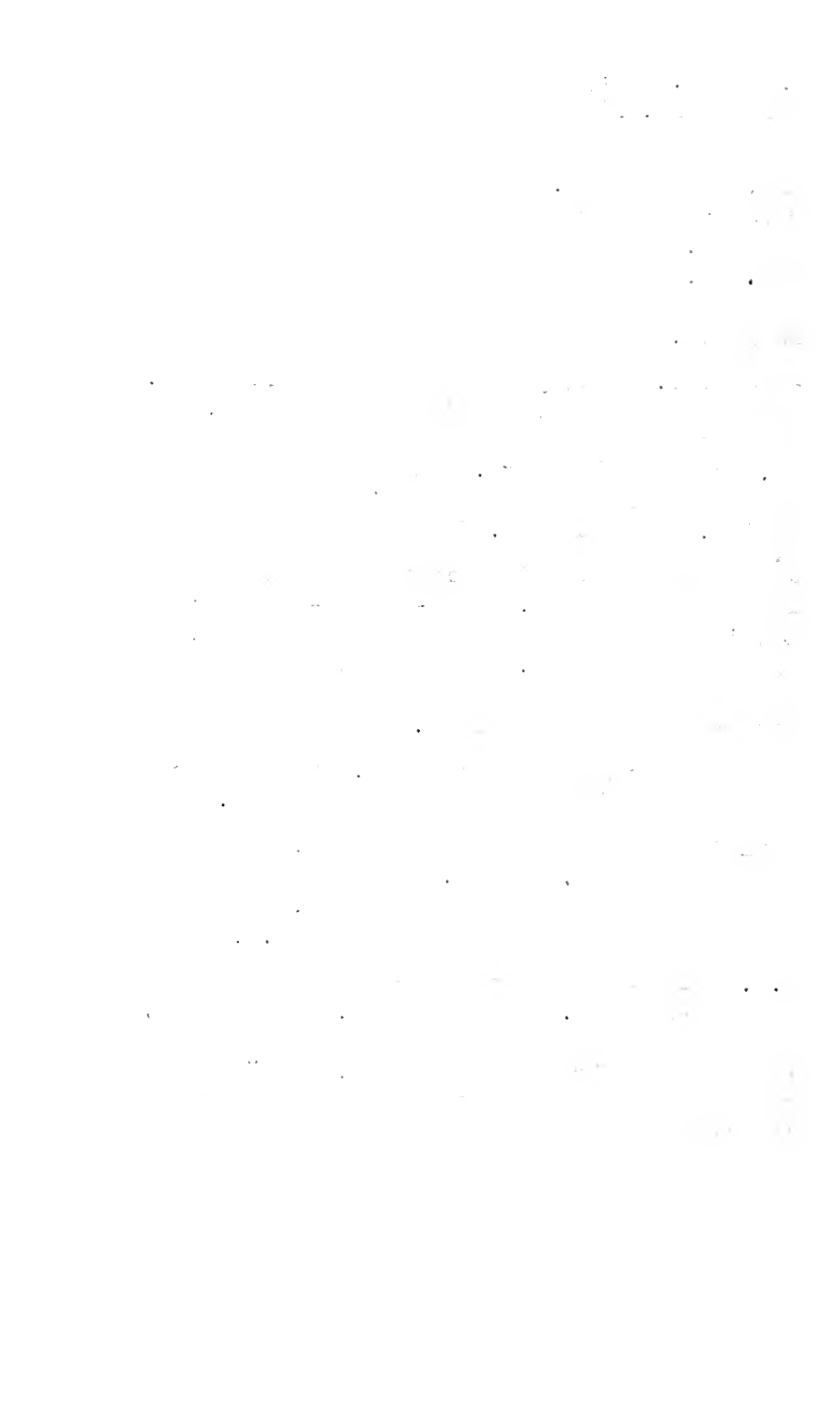
Having only been back a few hours, there is not much to say. Sorry.

In Christ,

A.P. Caird

P.S. This has been on my desk for one and a half hours. Clouds broke, sun now out.

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Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
January 23, 1968

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Assumption Church  
2775 University Ave. W.  
Windsor, Ont.  
January 23, 1968

Dear Father Scollard:

The following data are only a partial answer to your list of questions.

1. The only vital statistic I can find on Father J.M. Aboulin is the record of his death and burial. It does not include the names of his parents. Annonay may have the desired information in the records of his ordination.
2. Father John Ernest Pageau was buried in St. Alphonsus Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario. Information supplied by Dean Langlois.
3. I believe Father John Plomer was stationed at Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, when he died. A letter to the rector might get results.
4. The Parents of Albert Pierre Dumouchel were Jerome Dumouchel and Jeanne Côté. A.P.D. was baptized at Assumption Church on the day of his birth, Sept. 8, 1856.
5. The parents of Joseph Antoine Montreuil were Jean Montreuil and Charlotte Lajeunesse. J.A.M. was baptized at St. Alphonsus Church on October 27, 1870.

I must go now to Father William McGee's Golden Jubilee (of profession) Mass and dinner.

Sincerely yours in Xto

E.J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B.



Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
April 30, 1968

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
3707 Queen Street  
Windsor, Ontario  
April 30, 1968

Dear Father Scollard:

I am a bit perplexed about Father Frank Mallon's statement re Mr. Michael Brogan's grave in Assumption Cemetery. Either Father Mallon or I may have mixed up Michael Brogan's name with Rev. Michael McGrath. McGrath's resting place is marked with a stone and the rest of that lot is occupied by the Chevron family.

In going through the nineteenth century registers I have come across the following records that may interest you for details:

(1) On July 7, 1881, was buried Elie Mollaret of Montrant (Savoie), a novice of the Congregation and professor at Assumption College who died on July 5th at the age of 26 years. Witnesses: James E. Sanders, Wm. H. Cullian. Signed, Ch. Faure, C.S.B.

(2) On January 2, 1879, was interred in the cemetery of the parish the body of Michael F. Gorman, professor at Assumption College, son of Donald Gorman and Margaret O'Hearn, who died on the 31st of December aged 31 years. Witnesses: James Stock, Louis Goldrick, John Ward, Charles McManus, E. Hodgkinson, M.A. Naughton, Fr. Hours, C.S.B.





Ernest J. Lajeunesse  
April 30, 1968

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(3) April 26, 1897, was buried Francis Régis Hours, born in France, member of the Basilian Community who died at St. Anne's, Detroit, aged 66. Present the Bishop of London, and several priests. Père Marijon, Provincial.

(4) October 20, 1897, was buried in the cemetery of the parish the body of Rev. Michael McGrath, son of Matthew McGrath and Bridget Blake, died the day before yesterday at the age of 46 years. Present were Rev. Daniel Cushing, Rev. Michael Ferguson and several others. F. Semande.

As you likely know the bodies of Father Hours and Elie Mollaret now rest in the Basilian plot of the cemetery.

After July 22 you will be free to visit Strawberry Island. Maybe I'll see you there.

Sincerely,

E.J. Lajeunesse, CSB

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John F. Murphy  
January 26, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
Office of the Chancellor  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
January 26/68

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your recent letters. I'm afraid no one here can help with data on Gerry George. Father Vincent Guinan suggested that the Superior's files at Assumption might yield information. I rather doubt it. You might ask Stan Murphy to case the old Registrar records which should disclose parish. But then he was not married in a Catholic Church, so...

Our retreat will likely be the week of May 20, since we finish off earlier than usual this year.

Father Vincent Kennedy gagged on a piece of meat and scared hell out of the crowd one nite at supper. I was away at the time. He spent several days in the hospital and seems ok now.

Weather rather good - temperature 74 today. Feels like Spring.

Sincerely yours

John F Mpy, CSB

P.S. Father Marty O'Toole, very bad heart attack but seems to be recovering.

(Letter from Father John Murphy to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Vincent L. Kennedy  
January 26, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Jan. 26.68.

Dear Father Scollard:

Many thanks for your letter and the preliminary list of appointments. We had Jimmy Wilson here last Tuesday and his report to the community here was much fuller and more complete than your list. I rather suspect that most of the confreres consider these early lists as trial balloons.

Father Edwin Garvey seems very content and happy here. It is too early to gauge the reactions of the staff and students but I know that he would be very happy to stay here. I hope he does not become disillusioned.

I found a very fine spirit among the Latin-American missionaries; even the young ones seemed to enjoy my talks with the discussion periods which followed them. I hope to go to Mexico City in February if the diabetes can stand it. The recent tests in St. Joseph's Hospital here showed the need of insulin. Fortunately they now have pills, so I do not have to "needle" myself. No doubt you know that Marty O'Toole is in critical condition after a heart attack. He is under intensive care and so far I have not been able to see him. Father Leonard Rush was in the other day and talks of returning to Toronto soon.

I expect to remain here until March 15 and then go to Florida for two weeks to stay with



Vincent L. Kennedy  
January 26, 1968

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my brother, Joe, and his wife. They take an apartment each year at Cocoa Beach where one of their sons has a construction business. That will be the first stage of my return to Toronto about April 1st.

We have had very mild weather lately. Today is supposed to go to 75 degrees. But mostly cloudy and very little sun since December. All have been well here except for a few cases of light flu. Since I had six anti-flu shots, I have not been bothered.

Sincerely in Christ

V.L. Kennedy, C.S.B.

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Walter W. Scott  
January 31, 1968

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St. Thomas High School  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston, Texas 77007  
January 31, 1968

Rev. Robert Scollard, C.S.B.  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada

Dear Father Scollard:

I am very sorry but I have no copy of the sermon I gave our students on the occasion of Father William A. Sheehan's death, nor do I have any notes. I used no written material. Nor could I reconstruct it from memory. Should a similar occasion arise in the future, I will keep your interest in mind.

I understand you may be down here soon. You would enjoy today - sventy-six degrees and sunny.

Father Jim Magee will enter the hospital next week for more tests regarding his prostate trouble. Jack Wick just got out of the hospital after a spinal cyst operation. And Father Marty O'Toole is improving after his heart attack. Except for some flu, everyone else seems reasonably well.

Sincerely,  
WalterSCott.

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Viator I. McIntyre  
January 31, 1968

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St. John the Baptist Church  
Amherstburg, Ontario  
January 31, 1968

Dear Bob,

I am sorry to learn that you are getting so crotchety in your old age. In regard to Semande, I'm sure I've sent you all this information last year. However, here it goes for the very last time. On January 25th, 1855, François Denis Alfred, born 24th of January 1855 was baptized by Fr. Daudet, P.P. He was the son of Antoine Semande and Mithilde Lafferté. I hope this finalizes this inquiry.

I am sorry to be late in answering your letter of the 21st but it so happened that I left here on the 18th to see a doctor and one thing or another and did not return until the 27th. I really expect to be back within a couple of weeks at which time I promised the doctors to enter St. Michael's Hospital. My trouble is hypertension of which my brother died at the age of thirty-nine, some thirty-five years ago. Thanks for any news regarding Marty O'Toole and Leonard Rush.

Regarding the biography of John McIntyre I am in perfect accord. As you say, he was very outspoken and didn't elieve in pulling his punches. I don't think that there is anything I can add to your biography of him.

Fraternally yours,

Vi McIntyre

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William H. O'Brien  
February 1, 1968

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
1437 College Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
Thursday, Feb. 1/68

Dear Bob:

Your letter arrived this morning. With regard to your request, the memory of your many epistolary kindnesses to me in the past imposes the pleasant duty of rendering not only my sincere co-operation but also the most prompt answer possible.

Much of the biographical detail in your account of Sham O'Brien's career is, quite simply, new to me. An example: my own father (Bill) was born in Lindsay, Ont.; the family must have moved to Peterborough when Sham arrived. (Is it of interest that he was the youngest of eight children, that the nick-name "Baby Andy" drove him wild?) He himself told me that in 1919, newly discharged from the Army, he was on his way to the steel mills in the States. His trip involved a visit to friends at St. Michael's College where a chance remark by one of the confreres - long gathered to his fathers - moved Sham to enter the Novitiate. Later, in 1925, he was to use the same attack - with equal success on an athletic collegian named Joe McGahey.

At this moment it seems to me that I'm far from the kind of material you would find fitting for a biography. No matter, it's always a pleasure if not a thrill to wonder about an uncle we O'Brien kids all idolized.



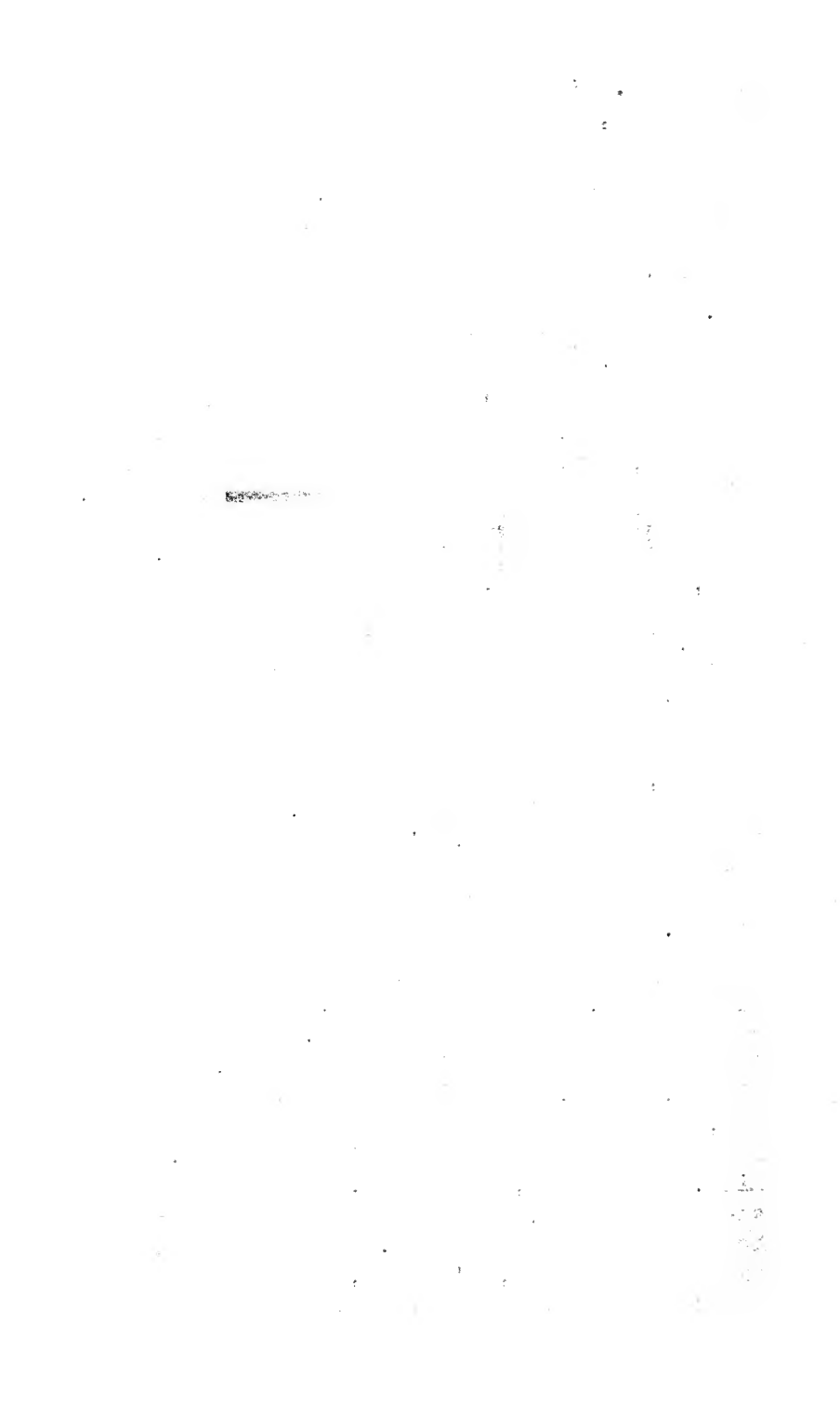
William H. O'Brien  
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Concerning the last paragraph, Bob, I would not want to change a bit of it. You have written a wonderfully concise yet just résumé of Sham's uncontested appeal to all who knew him. I was tempted to suggest the answer a layman of St. Basil's gave me when, shortly after Sham's death, I asked the gentleman the secret of Sham's attraction to the people of the parish. The answer was immediate, striking, and, I think, a lesson to us all: "Why was he so loved by us all? Easy, Father. He was kind, that's all!" I recall that there were tears in the man's eyes at the time. You have, very clearly, indicated the best expression of this kindness in the last paragraph, in the sentence beginning: "In parishes" Need I dwell on his grip on students and confreres?

You will understand the one objection I have to this, the priest sanctity of one late Father Austin O'Brien, Basilian. Asking you to "pardon my Irish", I'll put it this way: following in the footsteps of such an uncle is one hell of a hard job for this, his nephew.

Among my first reactions, one which you may find useful, if times permits. Two names came to my mind: Kath and Mike. I imagine a letter addressed to Sister Emerentia, Sham's sister, at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Queensway, may elicit a biographical precision or a useful addition to Austin's biography. Mike, my brother, Michael J. O'Brien, Building and Engineering, Trent University, Peterborough could do likewise. In Peterborough, Mike would gladly, I'm sure, ask some of the clan: Corkerys, Sheehys, etc. for some details.





William H. O'Brien  
February 1, 1968

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Don't hesitate to mention that the suggestion comes from me!

Would have written them both tonight and was ready to do so for you, but the arm is bothering me a good deal and I'm drowsy because of the soporific (seconal) I still have to take. I have to go to physio-therapy every day, still (my operation was during the Christmas break) and I'm still far from completely healed, although there is visible improvement in my condition. Bob Fischette should know (may I ask you to give him this information?) that I'll be visiting Quebec in February to revise my thesis. My superior here has given me the summer off (May to September) for another attempt to wind up the wretched affair.

Local news: George Vander Zanden is putting the student glee club through its paces. The students - many young nuns attend - are wrestling with the Halleluiah Chorus and we have not yet heard any murmurings of discontent from G.F. Händel. Father Joseph O'Donnell is, unbelievably as O'Donnell as ever, if not more so. Peter Swan still punctuates his remarks with Latin and French expressions. I suspect he gets a kick out of my reaction (delighted to meet such mild pedantry.

Saskatchewan: two seasons, winter and July! One thing ceases not to amaze me, there are people who live here the year round of their own free will. Incredible, simply incredible.

My very best to all the confreres,

Yours in Christ, Fraternally and Gratefully

Bill O'Brien, C.S.B.



Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
February 2, 1968

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St. Basil's Church  
940 Rex Avenue  
Ottawa 13, Ontario  
Feb. 2, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks for your letter of January 26th re Father Francis Forster. There is a Mrs. Frank Beaton, a cousin of mine by marriage in La Salette Parish. She was an O'Mahoney from Simcoe and her family and the Forsters were friends. She may be able to give me some information. I think the write-up you have is very good. Here are a few anecdotes or incidents of his life which I find very revealing and which I will jot down for you and enclose. May I suggest that you contact Very Rev. A.P. Mahoney, V.G., at Mt. St. Joseph, London, Ont. He is a great admirer of Father Forster, who as Superior of Assumption College took A.P. Mahony on the staff while still a student. Also Father Forster preached at Mahoney's First Mass. He might agree to write a report from his relationship with Francis.

All best wishes. Prayers.

Sincerely

W.J. Dwyer, C.S.B.

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In 1915 I went to Assumption College to begin High School. I was there about two weeks, when one day during recreation Father Forster came along and engaged me in a discussion of



farming in East Oxford. Our chat concluded by an invitation from him to help thresh, the next day, at the college farm, along with six or seven other sons of the soil.

One afternoon I was called to Father Forster's office to meet Father John Francis Stanley, my pastor from Woodstock. With him was Monsignor Aylward of Sarnia, who had asked to see Carlisle LeBel. Nig was late in coming and while they waited, Monsignor asked how Carlisle was doing. Father Forster said, "He's the best all round man we've had here since the days of Parnell Mahoney."

Father Forster knew all the boys by name, their home town, their parish, their pastor. Regularly before we left for Christmas vacation he used to instruct us, that after we had arrived home we should call on our pastors and give them a report on our progress and on events at the College and convey to them his greetings.

In May 1920, the fiftieth anniversary of Assumption College as a Basilian Institution was held at Assumption. (There is a year book or jubilee volume recording it). Father Forster, although he was Provincial Superior, attended as an old Boy of Assumption College. At the dinner, after such dignitaries as Bishops Fallon, Schrembs had delivered eloquent speeches and Father Robert McBrady had stolen the show, some one from the floor called for a speech from Father Forster. Francis was not at the head table but was seated out in the body of the refectory with his classmates. His response went something like this. "I came here today in no capacity



other than as an old boy of Assumption to enjoy a reunion with my classmates. However in view of the position I occupy in the Basilian Congregation, I suppose you have a right to some sort of statement from me. Let me say then, that the aim of the Basilian Fathers is the same today, as it was when we were here as students years ago, and that is to take boys and to make of them men before men and before God."

At the 75th Anniversary of St. Michael's College in April 1927, at the grand opening event held in Convocation Hall, at which the then youthful superior of St. Michael's College, Father Edmund McCorkell, matched wits with Sir William Mulock and the whole spectrum of ecclesiastical, political and academic Canada was represented on the platform, the then Superior General of the Basilian Fathers sat in the body of the Hall with a chance group of young priests and scholastics. At a dinner in St. Michael's Refectory, Father Cline, proposing a toast to the Basilian Fathers on behalf of the diocesan clergy, said he could best illustrate what the Basilians meant to the secular clergy by recalling personal experience, which went as follows: One Saturday evening in the summer one of his assistants was taken suddenly ill. Father Cline called St. Michael's College only to find they could not help him as all the Fathers had been assigned Sunday duties. He then called St. Basil's Seminary. Father Forster answered and assured him a priest would be out on the morrow. When Father Cline came into the





Wilfrid J. Dwyer  
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sacristy before the first of the last two Masses, he found Father Forster vested, waiting to begin.

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John P. Ruth  
February 3, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Saturday, February 3

Dear Bob;

Your letter came here about two days ago. I was glad to hear from you again. But I was wondering what the General Council was writing to me, and I was worried a bit before I opened the letter. Of course there was nothing therein but good news.

As to your article about James (my brother), I approve of what you have written and I have no suggestions about anything that might be added.

Bob Fischette arrived last evening and I can see that he has been having a rough time lately. Maybe he will pick up his former good health here in the home town and salubrious climate of Rochester.

Father E.J. McCorkell left here this morning to go to Toronto to an anniversary celebration at St. Peter's Church, one of the Wilson family. So you will see him there. He was over there at Christmas time and he came back with a cold which kept him in the house almost constantly since that time.

Father Joe Dorsey brought Ronald Hart here yesterday. He did not get much sympathy from most of us. Well take good care of yourself.

John Ruth

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Wilfrid C. Sharpe  
February 3, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas  
Feb. 3, 1968.

Dear Bob,

Father Michael Mungovan died before I first came to a Basilian school, so I couldn't be sure of his birthplace. Art Looby should know that section.

In Father Joe's write-up I don't see anything that really needs changing. I had an idea he was ordained August 23rd and sang his First Mass August 24th with Father Robert McBrady preaching. He was ordained in Sarnia Church because he was the first priest from that parish. Sarnia and Point Edward are contiguous, like Sandwich and Windsor used to be. Really all three of us were born at Point Edward and we moved to Sarnia later. We were always in Sarnia parish. Leaving that 'born in Sarnia' wouldn't make much difference.

The following also is unimportant. 'Shared his brother's love of music' might better read 'his brothers'' with the apostrophe after the 's' so as not to limit it to one brother, or perhaps 'the family love of music'.

Father Marty O'Toole has been in the hospital two or three weeks following a heart attack but he is much improved and is doing quite nicely now. The rest of the brethren in the area are well.

Sincerely,

W.C. Sharpe.



Norbert J. Ruth  
February 7, 1968

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University of Windsor  
Dean of Arts and Science  
Windsor, Ontario  
February 7, 1968.

Rev. R.J. Scollard, C.S.B.,  
Basilian Fathers,  
95 St. Joseph St.,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Scollard:

Thank you for the note of January 29th in reference to the entry in the projected dictionary of Basilian Biography.

I would suggest the following amendments and corrections:

In the second paragraph Frank attended St. Michael's College, Toronto, for the year 1919-1920 before going to St. Basil's Novitiate in 1920-21.

At the University of <sup>T</sup>oronto he took the general course majoring in Physics and Chemistry.

After his ordination he attended summer school in Mathematics at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

I think the above points should be mentioned, particularly since most of his life was teaching Physics and Chemistry at Catholic Central High School in Detroit and again teaching as Professor of Chemistry at Assumption College in Windsor.





Norbert J. Ruth  
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In relation to the third paragraph of your letter he attended the Ontario College of Education not in 1927-28 but in the year 1926-27 which was the same year as his ordination. In the year 1927-28 he was a member of the first Basilian staff at Aquinas Institute, Rochester. In 1928-29 he was one of the first Basilian staff at Catholic Central High School, Detroit, when it was located at Holy Rosary Parish. He then became one of the first Basilians also at the new high school when it moved to Blessed Sacrament.

When he came to Assumption College in 1936 you mention a new career opened up for him when he was asked to supervise the construction of a science building that opened in 1948. I think there should be some mention of the development which he supervised in the area of the academic teaching of the sciences. During this time he was professor of Chemistry in the College and taught Physics as well. It was for this work that he is most remembered here by the alumni.

With regard to the buildings that he helped to plan, I think one that deserves mention is the science building at the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas. He went down there in the Christmas vacation of 1946-47 and drew a complete set of plans for the science building, including the details of furniture so that when I joined the staff there in the summer of 1947 I found everything lined up and waiting for the opening of the university in September 1947.



Norbert J. Ruth  
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He also did much of the planning on the parish hall at Holy Rosary Church in Toronto, the residence for the Basilian Fathers at Assumption High School, Windsor, and the parish rectory at St. John the Baptiste parish in Amherstburg.

With regard to the special paragraph you mention I think you could incorporate his interest in buildings and the planning of buildings, his thoroughness in checking plans with the confreres and obtaining their wishes and comments prior to submitting them to any architect, his interest in photography which extended throughout his lifetime, and in late years to the photography of flowers, insects, etc., and particularly his interest in using these hobbies for the service and entertainment of others. I think with regard to his character, etc., you should ask someone else who knew him well to write the remainder of the paragraph.

I trust this information will be of some use to you. We have heard from Father Alexander Grant that he is again in the hospital at Phoenix, Arizona. Father Eugene Malley has suggested that I should go down and visit him for a few days. I feel that I must get away for a short period of relaxation and my doctor agrees with me. I may be heading in that direction later in the month of February.

With best wishes and regards to all the confreres,

Sincerely yours,

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Edwin C. Garvey  
February 12, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
February 12, 1968

Dear Bob:

Glad to hear from you and sorry that I am a bit tary in answering.

Generally good weather here but a bit colder today. We have a fine pool close to my cabana and expect they will open it soon. Should be better than Vic Tanney's.

Your biography for the Basilian Dictionary looks fine to me. I can't find any correction to make or anything to add. The whole projects sounds excellent and should prove most valuable. Keepup the good work.

I have about 170 students in three classes and like the friendly Texan students.

I saw Marty O'Toole and Jim Magee in the hospital today. Both are coming along well and Marty had made a remarkable recovery. I have seen many interesting spots already - Galveston, Spindletop at Beaumont, etc. Ask Father Wey if he ever heard of Spindletop? Carl Allnoch is going to take me to his came some warm weekend. Have played bridge with Bill Duggan and surprised to find so many Basilians whom I used to teach.

Kindest regards to all

Fraternally in Christ,

Ed

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James J. Jordan  
February 12, 1968

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Andrean High School  
5959 Broadway  
Gary, Indiana 46409

Monday

Dear Father Scollard,

Thnaks for the information on vocations. I'm glad you are keeping me up to date on new procedures.

You are perfectly right when you say that we have a danger of "letting George do it" - the High Schools leaving it all to the Colleges, and vice-versa. That was one of the many irritating facets of life at St. Michael's College. I sincerely wanted to do something positive in vocation work and was thwarted in each attempt. "Everyone should be involved" was the answer, with the result that no one was responsible!

I enjoy the Guidance Work here and am also teaching Religion to two classes (a total of 96) of Senior girls, and am doing some counseling in that area also.

Again, tahnks for the information. My greetings to all there.

Jim Jordan, C.S.B.

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John F. Ware  
February 13, 1968

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Rev. John F. Ware, C.S.B.  
Borwmson Hall, Room 10  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556  
Tes. Feb. 13th.

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for sending me the information, forms, etc., regarding vocations. I hope the applications for our Congregation are increasing. This is a new step and I believe it is in the right direction. Please believe me, I am as interested as ever in encouraging young men to fulfill themselves but at present have only a few college boys writing me. Perhaps in the near future there may be some developments.

Bob, if there is a general printed form of the new assignments of Basilians, I would very much appreciate it if you could send me a copy.

It is difficult getting back to formal classes, but I do hope to do a good job.

Plezse remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Xy.,

John

(Letter written by Father John Ware to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto).



Robert M. Fischette  
February 15, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Feb. 15, 1968

Dear Bob,

Thanks very much for sending on my mail and also for the notes. You were right about Ron Hart. He was here the night before I arrived and left shortly, i.e. a few hours, after I got here. He has been having real difficulties and Joe Dorsey finally managed to get him out of a bar one night ... He hasn't been here since then, but I'm sure we haven't seen the last of him yet. Joe Dorsey was trying to get him in charge and also get him a job somewhere.

Leo Sands is leaving today for Israel on a two week jaunt with his priest uncle from Ottawa. He got the ok to be away two weeks. He is going on Israel Air Line - one stop in Paris and the next at Tel Aviv - 14 hours all together.

I telephoned Johnny Gaughan a couple of days ago so he could send out cheques to Fathers Terry Forestell and John Ware. He said he would get them out the same day. I hope he did because they were in rather great need of the money. I wrote notes to them to assure them they would get the money shortly.

All goes quite well. I'm feeling quite well and only go out a couple of times a week, visiting my dad or brothers. I do a lot of reading and a bit of walking, though it has been very cold the last few days. I only



Robert M. Fischette  
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walk for 15 or 20 minutes. Hope all goes well at Russell Hill Road. I'm expecting to return there in a week or ten days, if possible. I have a blood test at St. Joseph's Hospital scheduled for February 29th so that is the very latest I could stay here, i.e. February 28th.

Best regards and thanks for everything.  
Regards to all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Robert M. Fischette  
August 26, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
August 26, 1968

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Basil's Seminary  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Canada.

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your letter of August 22 with the nice, large, mint block of the new Canadian stamps commemorating George Brown, founder of the Globe. This commemorative was supposed to have come out August 7th, but it was postponed due to the mail strike.

I can see why you won't be buying stamps as frequently as in the past. However, I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in getting me the commemoratives.

There is not much news here at Fisher. In fact, there is hardly anyone here most of the time - at least these days. I see Charlie Lavery and Joe Dorsey about two or three times a week. One of these times is at an administrative meeting held on Tuesday mornings - lots of laymen there too.

I have switched to Dr. T. O'Malley here in Rochester. He gave me a cardiogram last Friday and it was only fair. He has re-arranged the amount of digitalis I take. This Thursday I will have a blood test at Genesee hospital and also what is called a chemistry survey, requiring I go there





Robert M. Fischette  
August 26, 1968

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Thursday morning without any food or drink.  
Then the following week, I have another  
appointment with Dr. O'Malley.

The Seminary is probably almost empty yet  
and will be so if the Island stays open  
longer than in the past. My bes regards  
to all.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely in Christ,

Robert M. Fischette, C.S.B.

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in Toronto)



Robert M. Fischette  
September 10, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
September 10, 1968

Dear Bob,

Thanks again for your note of September 6th with the enclosure of a block of the new Canadian stamps. I do appreciate your thinking about my hobby and taking the time and trouble to get me some stamps. However, I do not want your library budget to take a beating in the process; so I am herewith enclosing some small remuneration in recompense.

We did not know about Jack Warren's operation, although your last letter to me indicated this as a strong possibility. We are glad the operation is over and hope and pray that there are no further complications. Please give him our assurance of prayers when next you see him.

News about Ken Wilson's going to Texas comes as a surprise. Matt Dheedy and Fred Zakoor must be rather frantic to get a Grade XIII mathematics teacher. They are not easy to find, especially at this late date.

Please give my very best regards to Father Louis Bondy, Father Gerald Gregoire, Father Elliott Allen, Father Terence Forestell, and all the others at the Seminary. I rather miss Toronto, although I am gradually getting involved over here. This morning, I presided over a section of 60 of the Freshmen and new students who were taking some Princeton tests in English. It was over two hours - divided



Robert M. Fischette  
September 10, 1968

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into four sections each having a certain time limit. It looks as though I shall be looking after the Senior Graduate Record exams to be taken in October, and will be adviser to many transfer students (from Community College here and elsewhere). The work of supervising the practice teaching comes in the second semester.

My very best regards to you. I hope all goes well with the Seminary Library.

Sincerely in Christ,

Robert M. Fischette, C.S.B.

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Robert M. Fischette  
October 17, 1968

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St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
October 17, 1968

Rev. Robert J. Scollard, C.S.B.  
St. Basil's Seminary  
95 St. Joseph Street  
Toronto 5, Canada.

Dear Bob,

Thanks again for the letter and also the stamps commemorating John McRae's "In Flanders Fields" and the 50th anniversary of the end of World War I. The fact that you have sent the John McRae stamp as a First Day cover helps a lottoo. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Again I am enclosing some remuneration to help your Library compensate for the loss of some stamps.

I hope that all goes well at the Seminary. From the anecdotes you mentioned, it seems that the scholastics are keeping busy at one thing or another.

We at Fisher are knee deep in work and activities. Infact, there are already bulletins about mid-semester grades and even January examinations. Yesterday we had a faculty meeting for over two and a half hours (the third one for the whole faculty). Such meetings are no longer dry as dust. I never saw such dialogue in a large meeting as we have. Quite an experience. In addition, we also have our Basilian dialogue. However, the latter are limited to one hour once a week (Monday evening).





Robert M. Fischette  
October 17, 1968

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Father E.J. McCorkell is still on the move. I think he is running into a problem of length on his Father Henry Carr opus. He just returned to Fisher after a five day absence; and today he goes back to Toronto for more consultation on his magnum opus. It is good, however, that he keeps busy. His health has been good.

I am feeling quite well too. It seems that each week I add some new (but small) amount of work. However, I thank God that I am able to be helpful here - considerably more so than I had anticipated.

Best regards to all the confreres. I got a letter from Michel Deglène this morning and he tells me that all goes well at Maison Saint-Basile. He also said that Bernard Forel had passed his licence in September and is now in 1st Theology with Bernard Buisson. I guess Charlie Principe is in Canada now and Michel says that Charlie is having a tough time with his thesis. (I'm sure it does not help that Charlie's sister-in-law has cancer and Walter is having his problems of health). Best personal regards.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bob Fischette, CSB

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Gerald V. Sharpe  
February 19, 1968

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
2405 - 12th Avenue S.  
Lethbridge, Alberta  
February 19, 1968.

Dear Bob:

I regret to say that in the rush of making year-end reports, along with other business, I pigeonholed your letter regarding Father Joe Sharpe, and just pulled it out the other day. Was rather surprised that you had as much data as you gave there. However, I might suggest a couple of slight corrections.

He was born in Point Edward, Ontario (Sarnia Parish) on that date. He was ordained in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sarnia, by Bishop Fergus McEvay on August 23, 1903, (incidentally the same date as that of my first profession). Bishop McEvay had succeeded Bishop O'Connor, C.S.B., as Bishop of London. Joe sang his First Solemn Mass the following day, the 24th. The preacher was Father Robert McBrady, who was then Superior of Assumption College. I was just seven years old that month. I was there and remember "Bobby" McBrady making arm gestures but would not know what he was saying. The pastor at Sarnia was then Reverend Joseph Kennedy, uncle of our Vincent Kennedy. Joe was the first native priest from Sarnia parish. The next, some years later, was Msgr. John Rooney, still a pastor at Windsor.

Among the Basilians present at the dinner, following the First Mass were: Fathers J.M.



Aboulin, Pierre Chalandard, James Guinane (quite a joker, he died two years later of cancer), Frank Powell, Vincent Reath, and a scholastic: Emile "Jig" Plourde.

I had little association with Joe especially during my early years, not only on account of the difference in our ages, but also from the fact that he had gone away to college before I was born, and my only real contact with him later was during his rather brief annual vacations.

Apparently he was a pretty good athlete. I remember a silver cup at home, they said he had won at a Field Day at Assumption. Father Willie Roach was a novice the year before Joe; possibly their years overlapped. When I was at the Novitiate in 1935 with Father Edward Tighe, Father Roach was there as pastor. I heard him say he saw Joe jump from the top to the bottom of the "Valley" in three jumps. The Valley is long since filled in. But Joe made another jump that was perhaps more spectacular. (If this is worth inserting you might put it "as told to his mother"; but actually I was there at the table and heard him tell it.) He had come up to Sarnia from Detroit on the steamer "Tashmoo", a two-funnelled side-wheeler, the pride of the river fleet in those days. His story ran something like this: "Well Mother, You'll say I'm acting silly at my age. (He was near forty then). "I caused a little excitement on the way up here today. When I got to Detroit from Windsor and went aboard the ship, I discovered I was over half an hour too early, so I slipped ashore again and



went up to a store. I didn't notice the time slipping away, and walking back down Griswold Street when I got to the corner of Jefferson Avenue, where you can look down that two block slope towards the dock, I could see the boat was moving, so I broke into a run. As I got nearer the dock the boat was moving faster and farther out. I had pretty good speed and knew which foot I was going to take off on. I took a Flying leap and landed nicely on that edge of deck outside the railing of the boat. I am sure it was twelve feet. I climbed over the railing and tried to lose myself among the crowd of passengers. But I overheard a member of the crew say: "Some jump."

On the occasion of Bill's First Mass in Sarnia, September 20, 1914, Father Francis Forster was the preacher. Later on, at the dinner, the conversation turned to Father Joe. Joe was teaching at Waco then and did not come up for the ordination. Father Forster said: "When we were students back in the old days at Sandwich, Joe was the first one I ever heard say that he actually intended to become a Basilian. Do you know, I thought he was crazy." Thus spoke the future Superior General of the Basilian Fathers.

These anecdotes may or may not be worth recording. I submit them for what they are worth. You can use your editorial discretion.

I certainly admire you, Bob, for pursuing such a worthwhile project, heavy as it is. It is one that has been neglected altogether too long.





Gerald V. Sharpe  
February 19, 1968

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Once more we are without a bishop here. And we are overdue for Confirmation also. Perhaps they will invite one of the "ultramontane" bishops to come and confirm.

Father Bill Kelly went to the hospital for ulcers. He may have to have an operation. I hear Father Bob Whyte in Calgary is similarly stricken.

Best regards Bob.

Sincerely in St. Basil,

Jerry Sharpe, C.S.B.

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Matthew A. Killoran  
February 25, 1968

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Shrine of Ste. Anne  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48216  
February 25, 1968.

Dear Bob:

Your letter was very enjoyable and interesting. It is always good to hear what is taking place in our other houses. It is usually quite common for an outsider to come in and give the news of your own house. I find if I want to know what the future of Ste. Anne's Church is, an outsider has to come and tell me what is taking place and what plans are underway.

I went over Father Floyd Crowley's life as I could recall it. I do not think I have added anything to what you laready said. You can sift the chaff out of what I wrote and save the wheat if there is any.

In regard to Poke a great many things can be told about him and the way he handled situations but these could not be used in a biography. There are a great many jokes and cracks and sayings that he uttered that are comical to repeat but of no commerical value in your work on his life.

I often remarked that in spite of his great weight, Father Edward Pokriefka was light on his feet and until the last year or so of his life he would often run up the stairs instead of walking. He knew everyone in the parish and they knew him. He was always interested in the diocesan priests and had great anxiety about their appointments and changes. As a



rule children were afraid of him but his bark was worse than his bite. One time he threatened a few of Ste. Anne's students who were caught stealing that he was going to hit them so hard that Haggerty, the undertaker, would come and dig them out of the cracks in the floor. His snap decisions and judgements on major problems and questions were always enjoyable. One day he had a great argument with Father Frank Burns on Labor. About the end of it Frank said, "What do you think Pope Leo XIII was doing when he wrote the encyclical on Labor?" Poke said, "He was just bull---- at the time." That seemed to clinch the argument. (I do not expect you to use this in your write-up).

There is nothing new going on at Ste. Anne's. Everybody asks us what is going to happen to the building. I am not sure but they are looking over the Hall to see if they can turn it into a church. Perhaps our next pastor will have different ideas and throw out all the present plans. The district around here is the biggest question. In spite of all the work that Father Mike Zolondek is doing, I feel we will have a run-down district for some time.

Father Roger deBilly is anxious to turn the rectory into offices for the W.C.O., anti-poverty, inner city, open housing, etc., and we could go out and live in apartments, etc. I had my fill of that when I was stationed at Blessed Sacrament and we had to go down to Assumption for Spiritual Reading, Examen and our meals. It seemed that which ever place you were in at the time you were in the wrong place. Most of the time you were on the road between the two places.



Matthew A. Killoran  
February 25, 1968

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I was down home after Christmas for my vacation. I did not take one last summer. It was rather hard to leave here at that time. It seems that Father deBilly took about three weeks vacation: a week at Expo; a month at the Chapter in Rochester and finally another week at the Theological Congress that was held at St. Michael's College, Toronto. That took in quite a bit of the summer.

While I was at home the parish pulled off a surprise party for my 35th anniversary. It was really a secret and I never expected it. It is hard to explain how a whole parish could keep a secret so well. You would expect the president of the Altar Society to let the cat out of the bag some way. Usually they know all the news of the parish.

I was sorry I did not have more time with you when I was in Toronto. I went over to the Seminary that afternoon figuring you would be down. I left about four to catch the five o'clock train. I saw most of the confreres except John Kelly. I had dinner at St. Mike's. Behind a fairly heavy beard I thought I detected Father Bob Flood. Too bad the Gill-ette people couldn't corner him in a dark alley some night.

From Jackie Donlan's conversation I would judge that he is anxious to leave St. Basil's and come to Windsor. He has been a good parish priest and has always been active. I do not think he is sold on the set-up at St. Michael's College and St. Basil's Parish. I





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didn't see Father Florian Pacher except for a brief time at Sunday evening Vespers at St. Michael's.

I will go now. I do not think you can use any of the material I am enclosing. However, it will show you my good will and I will expect an "E" for effort.

As ever,

Matt

(Letter from Father Matthew Killoran to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)

Enclosure on Father Floyd Crowley

At St. Thomas College, Chatham, Floyd took a very prominent part in all plays and skits which the college put on. He was a natural. If he forgot his lines he could easily substitute others that, at times, were better than the originals.

At St. Mikes, 1924-25, he took the 12 matric subjects, ten of which were taught by Fathers Paul Mallon and Vincent Kennedy. (Did not write the matric exams) Went into the Aquinas Philosophy Class for two years. Could not take Theology the following year because he hadn't covered Cosmology (80 pages) in Lortie so was held over for a year.

His best work was in the confessional. Heard Confessions at St. Anne's, Houston, at all



the Masses on Sunday. He was noted for his short, concise, five minute sermons, which he always said "would pass with a push".

The baptismal records, the instructions of converts as well as the sick call books in Ste. Anne's, Detroit, tell who did the bulk of the parish work when he was an assistant in that parish.

Floyd at one time was an excellent first base man and a respectable hockey player which he gave up entirely when he went to the seminary. He was also a great story teller. Most of his stories could not be worked into the present day homily.

Floyd was always very pleasant, cheerful, never out of sorts. Possessed a "Killoran" voice in singing.



Matthew A. Killoran  
March 19, 1968

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Shrine of Ste. Anne  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48216  
March 19, 1968

Dear Bob:

Your account of Father Pierre Grand's life is quite good but I am sorry I can add nothing to it. I have gone through our file at Ste. Anne's but nothing is shown about baptism. I presume he was baptized by blood in France. The record of his death just lists the day he died, the day he was buried, Bishop Gallagher said the Mass and Father James Player said the prayers at the grave. The column for his parents name remains blank.

You will be so busy now with the parish appointments that you will hardly have time to read this letter. I can't recall a year that had as much discussion about the changes as this year. As far as I can guess Father Roger deBilly is going three places. He covers about the same distance in Canada as Foster Hewitt does on the Hockey Broadcast, "From Caost to Caost in Canada". The last word I heard he was not going to St. Basil's. It seems I am going to keep Father Richard company for a little longer. It is very trying on the nerves when I go down to the tomb each day to make my meditation to think that he and I will be together for another year.

The latest word I had on Father William Gibbons was yesterday. Father William Stoba told Father deBilly that they were to tell Father Gibbon's folks today what the story was.



Matthew A. Killoran  
March 19, 1968

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I did hear they removed a very large tumor from his stomach or some place down there. You may have more recent news in Toronto. I presume Catholic Central will be in touch with Father Wey.

Father Ralph Koehler has left in a blaze of glory for Owen Sound. He seemed to be overjoyed with the change. No doubt he had visions of catching some of those big fish like they get in Texas. The Texan told of the large fish he caught in the Gulf. It was 17 inches. They said that is not so big. He said, "Remember in Texas we only measure the fish between the eyes."

Don't go to Strawberry Island yet. It will be cool enough on the Point yet and the mosquitoes will soon be watching each boat as it arrives to quench their thirst.

Will go now. Best wishes for a Joyous Easter.

Matt.

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Matthew A. Killoran  
May 27, 1968

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Shrine of Ste. Anne  
1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48216  
May 27, 1968.

(Opening Day for the General Council to work  
on parish appointments)

Dear Bob:

It has been raining "cats and dogs" all day yesterday and today. It is an ideal day to drop you a line while things are quiet. I received your letter and was glad to find that your records are almost perfect.

I have sent in an application for the Old Age Pension. I am not sure if I will qualify or not but there is no harm trying. The last clause in the conditions says "some types of absences from Canada during the qualifying periods are considered not to interrupt residence. These may include absences due to employment of an applicant."

I gave your name as a reference and I will inclose the list of years I handed in. You can use this as a guide if they do call upon you.

There is nothing new going on at Ste. Anne's. Most of the Fathers have distractions during meditation thinking about their appointments. Now that Hugh Curran is out of commission a whole new field opens up for our pastor. I am sure he is itching to get to Calgary. He seems to be quite worried about the future outlook.



Matthew A. Killoran  
May 27, 1968

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I enjoyed my visit to Toronto. It is too bad it had to be a funeral but I saw people that I had not seen for ages. Since I saw you I have become richer by about \$7,000 or more. That will bring my finances up to about \$25,000. I forget if I told you about this lady who died recently. She left me \$6,000 in bonds, a Funeral Home with over \$12,000 still being paid on it and now a cottage in Kingsville which will run to about \$7,000. It is hard for me to decide what to do with all this money. I think I will throw the whole thing into scholarships for the University of Belledune. I haven't told very many about this money. If they hear about it, they will all be taking trips to Europe for health and "peace of soul".

I am having a hard time getting someone to preach Ste. Anne's Novena. I thought Father Rudy Diemer would come but he is not sure of the "State of the Polls" in July. He may have to stay put. I asked about ten in all, finally this morning I called the Passionists and they will let me know tomorrow.

As ever,

Matt

(Letter from Father Matthew Killoran to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto).



J. Terence Forestell  
March 2, 1968

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45 Alewife Parkway  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
March 2, 1968

Dear Bob,

I'm sorry that I did not reply sooner with comments on Father Dan Forestell's obituary. I have no excuse. I just forgot. So far as I know, all your information is correct and since the whole family is now dead, I don't know where any other information would be available. Thanks for forwarding it to me to look over. I am returning your copy with a couple of typographical corrections.

Work is proceeding satisfactorily. My plans call for a return to Toronto sometime in April with only the final typing to do. Best to all, especially the sick.

Yours,

Terry

(Letter from Father Terence Forestell to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



John J. Glavin  
March 3, 1968

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Saint Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer Road  
Houston 6, Texas  
Mar. 3, 1968

Dear Father Scollard:-

I have examined the write-ups you sent me on Fathers Thomas O'Rourke, William Storey and Floyd Crowley. I think they are very good; but a correction should be made in Father Storey's as to the date of his first profession. It was on August 24th 1917.

I would agree with Father Jack Spratt re the automobile accident "that only the good be spoken of the dead".

Yes Father Marty O'Toole is home and doing fine so far. We are expecting Father Leonard Rush on this evening's plane.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

J. Glavin, CSB

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John J. Glavin  
June 30, 1968

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Saint Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer Road  
Houston 6, Texas  
June 30/68

Dear Father Scollard:-

Enclosed please find a bank draft for 2000 American dollars. It was liking pulling teeth to get it but it finally came. The donors wish to remain anonymous.

I promised you one thousand but perseverance doubled it. Success with your writings.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

J. Glavin,CSB

P.S. If anyone asks where the money came from say the donors wished to remain anonymous. JG.

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John J. Glavin  
September 30, 1968

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Saint Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer Road  
Houston 6, Texas  
Sept. 30/68

Dear Father Scollard:-

I am sorry to have taken so long to answer your letter that I received about the middle of this month.

I think your preface is very well done. We had an old gentleman living in Mt. Carmel when I was a boy who said, "A book without a preface is like a face without a nose." Do you want your copy back?

If you need more funds, let me know and I will see what I can do. It may be nothing but I would try.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely

J. Glavin, CSB

P.S. I sure would like to get a copy of  
Father Joe Kennedy's poems. JG.

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A. Leland Higgins  
March 25, 1968

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Basilian Fathers Home and Foreign Missions  
Farmington, Michigan 48024  
P.O. Box 122  
March 25, 1968

Dear Bob,

One Trillion apologies for being so tardy in answering your letter of March 4th. I was on the road preaching a Mission and making mission appeals, visiting Propagation of the Faith Directors, and making some important public relations contacts, and I just got home yesterday, tired out and with a suitcase full of dirty laundry, but happy and several thousand dollars richer, so why complain?

The write-up on Jocko Hussey is fine and I do appreciate your asking my opinion on it. Bless your heart!!

For a while it looked like we were going to have only a mediocre summer preaching wise, but in the last four or five weeks we really hit the jack-pot. It is a pain in the neck visiting all these Directors but it pays off. We cracked Los Angeles and Chicago this year for the first time and I've visited those Directors three or four times. Sooo!

My regards to all and God bless you.

Lee

(Letter from Father Leland Higgins to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



David G. Heath  
March 26, 1968

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Catholic Central High School  
6565 West Outer Drive  
Detroit, Michigan 48235  
Mar. 26, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for the information in the manpower report. The Manpower Committee certainly is an inactive group. I received notice that I was on it in the Fall and that is the last I ever heard of it.

I noticed two corrections for your information sheets. I think you have Mike Mohan still listed under available manpower. Also sorry to say, I have a D.Ed. not Ph.D. (I never could speak French)

There is such a jam at Dissertation Abstracts that mine won't be available till May or June. I'll send you a xerox copy when available.

I'm sending you two pamphlets on graduate opportunities. Perhaps you know of some Basilians who would be interested and would pass them on. I could never understand why more Basilians didn't apply for these things.

Bill Gibbons is on the mend and is going to his mother's near the end of the week. I am sure glad it didn't turn out badly as we need him.

Dave.

(Letter from Father David Heath. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto).





John F. Collins  
April 8, 1968

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Basilian Fathers Missions  
P.O. Nox 708  
Sugar Land, Texas 77478  
4/8/68

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your note that came with the Newsletter. I was certainly surprised to get the news that you are retiring as Secretary General. However, I am sure that life will be a bit easier for you. You have certainly done a noble service for the community for the many years that you have held that "THANKLESS JOB".

There is not much that is new here. Father ~~Max~~ Murphy finally got his residence papers for Mexico.

Father Norbert Clemens has still been bothered healthwise. He has been running an infection which the doctors located in the kidney. Nothing serious.

Jimmie Wilson said that Larry Lacey was coming to the Missions - to Angleton - to be exact. He will be a welcome addition.

I am trying to get plans finished and approved for the expansion of the Mission office here. I have approval of the General Council, but need City of Sugar Land's permission.

Lee Higgins has a good lineup for the appeals this year. He broke into Chicago and Los Angeles dioceses for the first time with seven good parishes in Chicago and four good



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ones in Los Angeles. He also has Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Springfield in Illinois, Gary, Montreal, Galveston-Houston, Buffalo assigned, Toronto, London, and few others almost certain.

Sorry to hear about Gene Cullinane.

Happy Easter Bob.

As always,

John Collins.

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John F. Collins  
November 18, 1968

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Dear Bob:

Enclosed a couple of copies of the pamphlet on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thanks for the newsworthy card. Office expansion moving slowly. We may get into it by Xmas. There is a lot of Flu. I have it. Billie Ragan has it and quite a few of the confreres have it. Glad to hear V.L. Kennedy is so well. Lee Higgins will be coming South soon. We have a lot of appeals in Texas this winter, 14 in Austin Diocese and at least 10 in this diocese. All for Jan. Feb. and March.

Things are calming down in Mexico, the boys are back at the Cultural Center again.

St. Thomas has a championship football team this year. They should win it, all-state. Larry Galla is not well. He is now living with us in Sugar Land at St. Theresa's.

As always,

John.

(Note from Father John Collins to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto).



T. Cyril Howard  
April 9, 1968

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
3707 Queen Street  
Windsor, Ontario  
April 9, 1968

Dear Bob,

Would you please be kind enough to send me a celebret as I may have to produce one on my vacation.

I suppose you are busy preparing for the Synod and getting out the appointments. I hope that you will be able to hold up under the strain.

Nothing new to report at this end of the line. With the Synod meetings and zone meetings in the diocese we do not have much time to gather in news. Stan Lynch is back in the saddle again and is looking fine. Father Ernest Lajeunesse is adjusting to our residence although he does make frequent trips over to Assumption rdctory. We give him a hard time when it rains or snows as he is unable to uphold his contention that we are in the "sun parlor of Canada".

Give my regards to the confreres and drop down this way before you are relieved of your office if you get the chance.

Regards,

Cy Howard.

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Jacques Deglesne  
April 19, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 19 Avril 1968.

Dear Father,

I was very pleased to hear from you. More than once I had thought to send a word to you, but I am always busy and when I could spare some time I find something else to do.

From the beginning of the school year up to now, I was not supervising directly the boys, that is why I was able to take over "Mon Collège" as editor. For the third term, it will be different: one of our prefects is not coming back. I, therefore, will have to take over a part of his job. It won't be easy, the third term being always a hard one with the work of the end of the year. Fortunately it is a short one.

Concerning "Mon Collège", I thank you for your suggestions. I will remember them. So far I have only one complete set. I will try to gather another one with the different issues I have. For my own use, I will keep one from now on; if I can find some former issues I will keep them too.

I do not know yet, what will be the next issue. For the last one, Father Chomel worked with me, so that I could not make any changes. But I can already say that the front page will be different, and I will try to put in some pictures to make the reading more pleasant. The former students seem



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willing too to do something. I hope, therefore, with all those good wills, to make it more attractive.

By the news you gave me about St. Michael's College School, I can see that in any of our schools we have a great work of adaptation to make and foresee so that they won't fall behind. Let's hope, with God's help, we will be able to manage all right for the best formation of the youth.

During the Easter holidays, I spent three days at the "petit séminaire" to help a priest preaching a retreat to 53 little boys thinking more or less about the priesthood. Then the following day I went to the parish of St. Symphorien-de-Mahun, with three of our older boys for the Holy Week. I did that for the fourth year. The boys comment the ceremonies and prepare them. In that sense they are of a great help.

Best regards to all the confreres.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jacques Deglesne, C.S.B.

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James E. Daley  
April 20, 1968

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St. Joseph's College  
The University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
April 20, 1968.

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter you sent to Murray Armstrong. I think he will make a good Basilian. He is not outstanding in matters academic, but he does have fine moral qualifications and a genuine appreciation of the work of the Community. Of the several candidates I have submitted, I can say without hesitation that Murray is the best.

Father E.J. McCorkell spent a few days with us after he gave the retreat in Saskatoon. We enjoyed him very much. He then went to Calgary. You will probably get the details regarding the fact that he missed the CPR train out of Calgary. Father Dan Burns was driving him around the city and the University of Calgary. Dan made the great mistake of telling Father McCorkell to keep track of the time! They were two miles from the station when Father McCorkell said: "The train leaves in five minutes." Dan did his best, but, they missed the train. It had taken us two days to line up Father's reservations through to New York. He had planned to spend a day with Archbishop George Flahiff. When he missed the train, he phoned Archbishop Flahiff who consoled him by saying that it was providential. The Archbishop would not have been in Winnipeg when Father McCorkell arrived. He was scheduled to be



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the main speaker at a dinner for Father Athol Murray (Wilcox) in Regina. Of course, when Father McCorkell heard about the dinner, he wanted to attend it. According to Father Dan Burns, there then took place a telephone marathon between Archbishop Flahiff and Archbishop Michael O'Neill (to see if His Grace could get a ticket at the banquet for Father McCorkell) and Father McCorkell. At any rate, it was finally agreed that Father McCorkell would take the train the next day and stop at Regina for Father Athol Murray's banquet. Somehow, reservations were made for him. Father Burns said that he overheard a conversation on the phone between Father McCorkell and Archbishop Flahiff in which Father McCorkell said: "Oooo I'll get to Regina, George, and then you can take care of me from there!" I got this from Father Burns himself as I had to attend the funeral of the father of one of our resident students 100 miles south of Calgary last Thursday morning. I drove to Calgary Wednesday and spent the night at St. Pius.

On the way back from the funeral, I stopped at St. Mary's High School for lunch. Apparently, Messrs. Dennis Gruenwald and Murray Hiebert are leaving the Congregation. I had a long talk with Father Lawrence Moran. He has been asked to sub for Father Ted Sullivan as Newman Chaplain at the University of Calgary for the summer. However, he has his heart set on going to Mexico and working on the Missions again. Pat Gallagher seems well and Bob Whyte is much improved from his operation.





James E. Daley  
April 20, 1968

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We have another lad who wants to enter the Novitiate this year. He is presently in the local diocesan seminary and he has been working through Leo Reilly. I am not too enthused over accepting him. However, his application will come up in Council early in May, and we will all have a chance to review it.

I note that you are being relieved of your post as Secretary General. Perhaps more than most confreres, I know the good work you have done for our Congregation in that capacity. Please accept my sincere gratitude and my best wishes for the future. May our dear Lord bless you in every way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley

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James E. Daley  
June 12, 1968

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St. Joseph's College  
The University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
June 12, 1968.

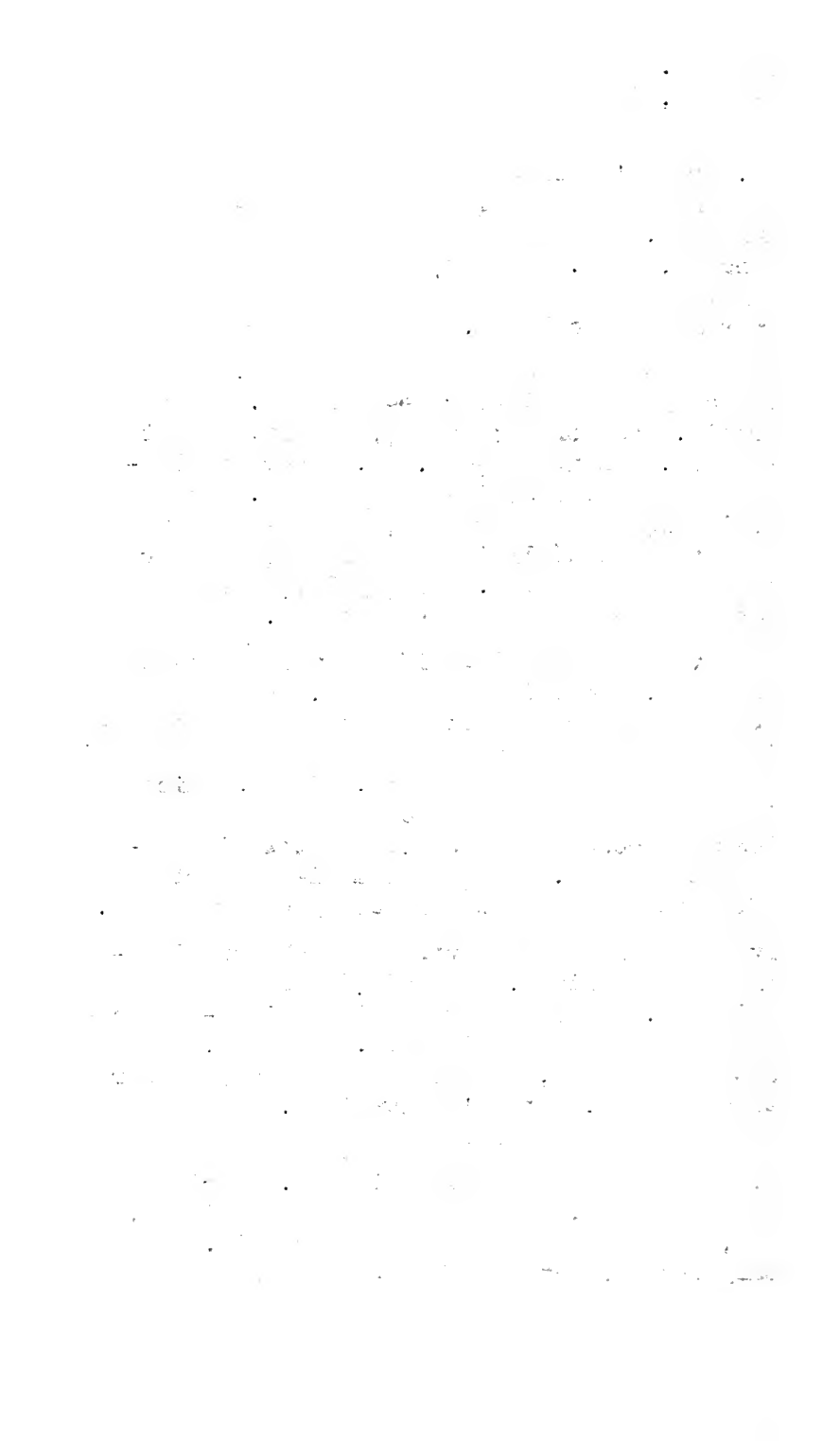
Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you for your letter of June 5, for the copy of the letter you sent Mr. Wayne Arnold, and for the Forms to be filled out for him. As it happens, Mr. Arnold is living here at the College at present. He would like a few days grace to think about the prospect of living as a student member of the Congregation. We shall certainly get a reply to you before June 29.

We have had several visitors over the past few days, including Bob Howell, Norman Iversen and Greg Mallon who have been attending the meetings of the Canadian Universities' Treasurers and Business Men. Jim McConica is the only one who has come up from the Learned Societies which are meeting in Calgary this year. We expect Eddie Pappert after the meetings of Directors of Extension.

Iversen told us of several men who are leaving the Basilians. We had not heard of them doing so, and it was very disturbing - especially to Father Wilfrid Dore. However, as Father observed, "We may have to pull in our traces a bit, but we'll survive".

Bob Montague is getting his cobalt treatments every day and is holding his own. During the past two days, he has become very fatigued, and, he attributes this to the cobalt. It is only another ten days before he will have to



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go into the hospital. He was glad to get the note you sent along with the Appointments, and he is most grateful for your prayers and those of the other confreres in the Curial House. Bob also had a nice letter from Terry Forestell, who seems to have recovered from his operation.

I had hoped to have the summer off, but it looks as though I will have to teach for Bob Montague (Introduction to Philosophy) which I am happy to do. If the spirit moves you, perhaps, once you hand over the reins to Father Wally Platt, you might consider paying us a visit. Father Dore and I would be most pleased to have you look at our library and its records, in your usual, efficient way. When the appointments arrived, Bob Montague wondered whether or not you would be interested in being stationed here for a year or so!

Several confreres have questioned the prudence of the new policy regarding candidates to the Congregation. It is a very pragmatic venture and one which the General Chapter wanted to try out. I am inclined to support the thinking of the Congregation. Mr. Murray Armstrong will get to the Novitiate on time, and, I shall keep you informed regarding Mr. Wayne Arnold.

May our patron, St. Basil, be a means of many blessings in your life, especially on our feast day this Friday.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jim Daley.

P.S. Hope you got your tooth fixed!



Victor B. Btezik  
April 25, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
April 25, 1968

Dear Bob,

Thanks very much for your card of sympathy. Although my mother had not been in good health for many years and I always guessed on going back at the end of my vacations that I might be seeing her for the last time, she held on to life tenaciously and never really gave up. I think that after giving her a span of 88 years plus, the good Lord finally had to wrest life from her with a little force. Even at her age, her passing makes a great difference for the family, for as you know in your own case, a mother makes a home.

Gerry Gregoire visited here for a few days and seemed to enjoy it. Don't you think you are due for another visit soon? Texas has more ice cream than you can eat. Hope you do not experience a lost feeling from moving out of the Secretary General's office.

Gratefully yours,

Vic

(Letter from Father Victor Brezik, to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the gneral archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





Lawrence J. Lacey  
April 25, 1968

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St. Basil's Church  
940 Rex Avenue  
Ottawa 13, Ontario  
April 25, 1968.

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your card. I expect to be back at St. Basil's by the time you get this. I feel fine and the doctor assures me that there wasn't any damage. Most of the difficulty came from practically filled lungs from a flu battle. So now all is clear and Spring was almost here, but today it's 35 degrees. They want the tulips to slow down.

Again, thank you Bob.

Larry

(Note from Father Lawrence Lacey in hospital following heart attack to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto).



Edward W. Allor  
May 3, 1968

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Assumption Church  
2775 University West  
Windsor, Ontario  
May 3, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Regretfully I am unable to supply the information regarding Father Antoine Montreuil's death or place of burial. Father Ernest Lajeunesse tells me he was baptized, not in Assumption Church as you have it, but in St. Alphonsus Church.

We are all waiting with bated breath for the new appointments, and hoping they will leave our personnel in statu quo.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

E.W. Allor

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Michel Deglène  
May 6, 1968

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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
May 6th, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you very much for both of your letters I received lately, and especially for so many news you were giving us.

First of all I would you to know that I just finished with my reports. I suppose you received the ones concerning each member of our house and calling them either to orders or to renew their vows. I also sent my financial report as well as the one covering the house for the year. I asked John Wheeler to prepare the one asked for in view of the Synod. I also had to write quite a few letters to Father William Young for different matters concerning people who are here at MaisonSaint-Basile.

I do not know what I should say about your appointment to come. I knew you were anxious to see a new man come at the Curial House and replace you; you indicated that to me several times during our last chapter. One thing is certain I have to thank you most sincerely for all you did for us and for me especially. I remember how faithfully you kept me informed, and this was especially appreciated when I was in the Army and away from the confreres. Merci et bonne chance dans vos nouvelles fonctions.

I suppose you never got how you should insert my degree in the Annals. This would seem to



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be a good way: In catechetics, from l'Institut Catholique de Paris, Father Michel Deglène, Diplômé de l'Institut Supérieur de Pastorale Catéchétique.

Charlie Principe looked for the information you asked and he will put a note at the bottom of the page in this regard. He is quite busy and working very hard on the volumes he received from Toronto.

The other members of the house are all in good condition. Here in France we just started our third term and our school year will end on June 28th. We still have a fairly long way to go. Paul de Lacheisserie is back from the Army and seems in very good condition. I do hope his studies go well but it is always difficult to get back to the books, especially after almost two years in the Army.

This year I have been really involved in the teaching of religion. It seems to me however it is in the matter of preaching retreats I am so often asked. I already preached four of them and I have to be away for nine days in May for the same reason. I will have two retreats in a row. Then at the end of the month I shall try to find a few days to go to the hospital. I have growth on my right fist and I would like to find out exactly what the matter is. Right now it is of a rather good size.

In Annonay confreres looked quite upset after Pierre Regal and Jean Fauconnet left the Novitiate. This is not going to diminish the tension between them and George Beaune. I spent four days with them at Easter time and they all looked fine at the College. Kevin





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Kirley seems really bothered with his health and yet he tells me he is better than he was last year. I suppose you will see Father Marcel Lextrait next summer in Canada, but I am not so sure he will accept, he is rather difficult to handle on such matters.

Well, Father Scollard, this is about all for today. I do hope you have better weather in Canada than ours. We are freezing and we are in May and in France. May God bless you Father, your work and our entire Congregation.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.

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Dear Father Scollard,

Sorry to have made you wait, and for so little finally. The superior of the Polish Seminary refers us to the delegate for the Irish College at Paris, Father Patrick Travers, Maynooth Seminary, Ireland. This delegate comes to Paris once or twice a year according to the Superior of the Polish Seminary. The latter does not know if any of the Archives have been left in Paris. Footnote. There are now about 9 major seminarians and 40 or 50 (roughly) minor seminarians at the Polish Seminary. Most of them are English boys! One of them showed me; he is the son of a Polish couple who came to England during the war via Siberia and the Middle East. Sorry I could not do more and more quickly. I have been grinding hard, preparing an important meeting today with Professor Jarapon and Father Léon Pouliot, S.J. of Collège Ste-Marie (Montreal), Relations specialist. Best...

Charlie Principe, C.S.B.



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Maison Saint-Basile  
27, rue Maximilien Robespierre  
Issy-les-Moulineaux (Seine)  
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Dear Father Scollard,

Thank you so much for your letters. I received the last one this morning and it contained the dimissorial letters for our ordinations. As you know ordinations take place on June 28. Scholastics shall leave on the 22nd for their retreat, will get back on the 27th. John Wheeler goes back to the States on the 23rd, for summer school, then the three in second year of theology on the 30th. That same day all our French scholastics will leave the house with Charlie Principe. It means that on July 1st I shall be alone in the house. Reasons for this will be given in this letter.

Let us go back to our crisis and the consequences for our house. We felt it at the material level in three different ways. First of all regarding money. I was lucky enough to draw 500 francs just before it started because from then on I could draw money only once and it was limited to 500 francs. Fortunately during that same time a person paid 500 francs cash and with my salary for catechetics we were able to survive. The second level concerned our cook. As soon as the crisis started he stopped working. He had been unwell, he saw the doctor and was asked to stop from May 19 to June 14. In any case there would have been no way to get him to work since he lives so far away. The third level concerns food, especially groceries. There



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are no problems with vegetables, butter, cheese, etc; the dark point is for groceries. I couldn't get a thing since May 20th. It was so bad at St. Sulpice that they had to close for a week. It is especially bad for sugar and oil. This explains to you why I managed to have everyone out of the house at the end of the month.

The greatest difficulty was the lack of gas. When the crisis started I was preaching two retreats in Annonay and it is only through the kindness of a friend of mine who has a gas station that I could make it back to Paris with a barrel of gas at the back of our car. Then once in Paris I had to pump from the tank of our Peugeot and use only our very small car. I had managed through the army to get a supply, so that I could have the non-Frenchmen go to the Belgian border in case things would have gotten really bad. I had to go to Paris every day to pick up a lady who replaced our cook since there were no transportations. It was an incredible trip every day with people trying to get in your car since they wanted so badly a ride, giving out all kind of communist literature, stopping your car with the help of red flags, this especially in front of factories. Here in Issy there are still hundreds of red flags on the roof of occupied factories and the streets are painted with all kinds of sentences. I had never seen such a communist literature ever since 1945.

One other difficulty and not the least took place with the agitation of all kinds of



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ideas in our house as well as at the seminary. I had to be careful especially at the beginning with the French scholastics who thought they had to share with the students and with the English speaking ones in the house who thought it was much like a game, while I was convinced it was not. The great question was always when it was a question for them to partake to a demonstration in the street. It was a difficult time. As soon as we found gas again I did send our French boys to Annonay for four days and this was a smart move, since there with the help of their parents and of our confreres they calmed down a bit. At the seminary in some years they decided they wouldn't write their exams (this is the case for the first cycle), some decided they would write some, some they would do them all. Everyone is confused and one thing is certain: we must do all we can to get people, especially students and more so seminarians, out of Paris as soon as we can.

Well, Father, I think I am going to end up this letter now. You can write me to the house since I shall be living at the parish nearby in July. Please give news to the confreres at the Curial House for us. Scholastics were able to reach their families through Paul Murphy's aunt. She was able to leave and go to Switzerland and she took with her letters sent by our scholastics.

Bye now, Father. May God bless you and all our confreres.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord

Michel Deglène, C.S.B.





George E. Beaune  
May 12, 1968

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Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur  
Annonay (Ardèche)  
le 12 mai 1968

Dear Bob,

Greetings from Annonay. Many thanks for your letter of April 29 and the Community news. Your request for information re former and deceased confreres shook me out of a mild case of lethargy or procrastination. I am you some obituary cards and some ordination cards that we found in the library this week. I say we because Bernard Buisson is now interested in the search for Basilians. He will find more in the next few weeks and especially during August when he will be at St. Alban with Father Félix Pouzol who will be able to dictate a few of his thoughts and recollections.

Here also are a few odds and ends that do not appear on what is being sent via surface mail:

Actorie, Joseph Marie Julien. Parents: Michel Actorie and Julie Julie. Cf. Father Roume's book, p. 405.

Arnoux ... Cf. Roume, p. 347. He was professed September 22, 1865.

Aureille, Edouard. Cf. death notice being sent by surface mail.

Serey, Benjamin ... born in Montreal (Ardèche) was admitted to the Institution for the mentally ill in Privas (Ardèche) where he died and where he is probably buried.



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Notez. Ordinarily a person is buried in the same city in which death occurs. This is due to a law that dates back to Napoleon. It is not obligatory but to transport a dead body is very costly. Each and every commune is entitled to a special tax. So for example, Father Julien Actorie died at Feyzin and is buried there.

Collomb, Alphonse: born at Laurac (Ardèche). A short death notice in the Semaine Religieuse de Viviers reads: "M. l'abbé Colomb, prêtre de Saint Basile, Professeur au Petit Séminaire à Aubenas et au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay. Décédé à Laurac le 8 decembre 1943.

Deglesne, Germain. Bernard Buisson has this note on him: Cf. Roume, p. 405.

I have drawn up a list of those who were born in Annonay and I'll go to the city hall to see if they have any information re these confreres. Also there are some notes that Father Charles Roume drew up but I have not gotten around to searching them. The other day Father Jean Roure and I did open up a safe here at Maison Saint Joseph but there was nothing that seemed to interest us in this search. I shall keep the list of names you sent me and whenever I run across some information I'll copy it in the space beside the person's name.

Wally Platt and Kevin Kirley are both in good shape. Kevin is able to spend a lot of time with flowers and bushes. He and Charlie Prin-



George E. Beaune  
May 12, 1968

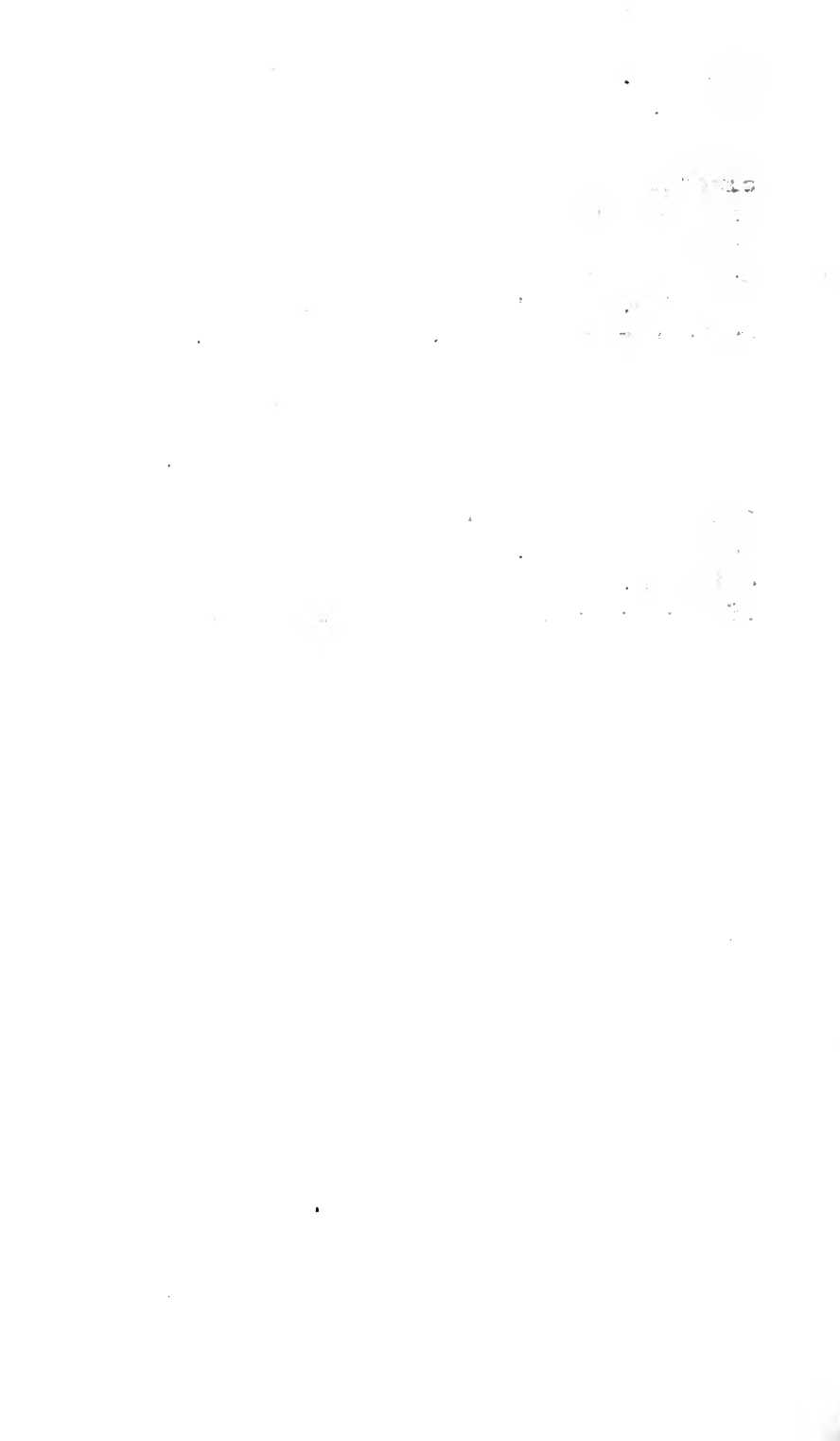
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cipe started to beautify the college grounds and now Kevin is the headman. Bernard Buisson is getting along well and the confreres remark that he seems to be even happier now that he is alone. That's all for now. Please give my best regards to all the confreres.

Yours in Christ,

George.

(Letter from Father George Beaune to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto).



Eugene A. Heyck  
June 11, 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston, Texas 77006  
June 11, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

Well, I see we are both moving. I'm very pleased about going to St. Anne's. There is a lot of real priestly work to be done there and I'm sure I will enjoy it there as before.

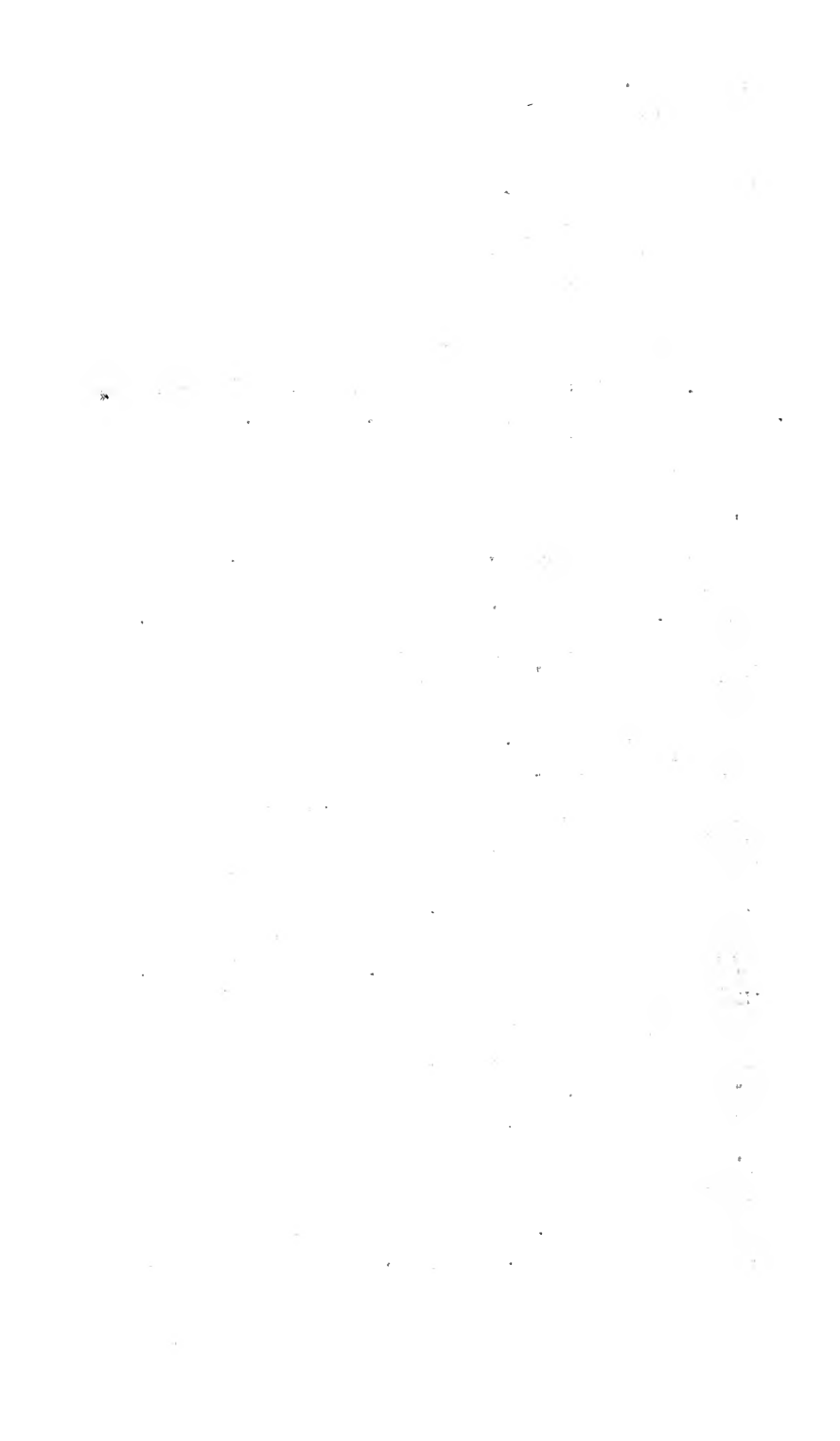
I'm sorry to see you leave as Secretary General. The Annals, the Newsletters, the obituaries have all become a Scollard institution. They won't be the same any more. The legend (or may be it is fact) that you have everybody's obituary already written and filed for use will no longer have the same application. Now we can look forward to Wally's Plattitudes!

You asked about suggestions in the regional voting procedures. My only suggestion is with regard to deadlines for returning votes to the Electoral Officer. The wording should be phrased that votes should be received by the officer by a certain date. As it is now, many wait till the last day to drop the ballot in the mail and then we have to wait until we can judge they are all in. This delayed us several days, usually on the scholastics who were out of town.

I'll be leaving on June 15 to preach for the Basilian Missions for two Sundays and then will go on vacation. When I return, I will move right over to St. Anne's. Best regards to all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Gene Heyck, C.S.B.





Eugene A. Heyck  
October 12, 1968

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St. Anne's Church  
2140 Westheimer  
Houston, Texas 77006  
October 12, 1968

Dear Father Scollard,

I really appreciated your post card showing the Douglas Point nuclear power station. It brought back pleasant memories of my visit to the plant when it was under construction. The picture would indicate it is quite a busy place now.

I am looking for some information and you would probably be the one who could best tell me where to find it. My sister has done a tremendous amount of research on our family tree and she has our genealogy worked out for about 200 hundred years. So I thought it would be interesting if I could get my apostolic lineage. I have found a book which lists the succession of all the bishops of the United States until the line of succession crosses over to Europe. I was ordained by Bishop Nold and his line runs through Archbishop John Carroll, first Bishop of Baltimore, and first bishop of the United States. Good blood there! I know that he was consecrated by Bishop Charles Walmesley, a Benedictine, in England and that Bishop Walmesley was consecrated in Rome. I don't know his consecrator. It may have been the Pope since Bishop Walmesley was sent to England to keep the hierarchy alive during the period when the Church was suppressed. Do you know how I could go about finding Archbishop John Carroll's apostolic succession?



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It would probably be one of the easier ones to locate since he was the first U.S. bishop.

Things are really busy here at St. Anne's and I enjoy being back here very much. I have quite a few potential converts under instruction and I've been very busy with weddings. I also look after the C.C.D. program.

Tomorrow is our annual fiesta. The parishioners are really working this afternoon setting up the booths and getting things all set for tomorrow. The weather report is good. We generally realize between \$25,000 and \$30,000 which is needed to help defray the cost of running the school. We could certainly use a separate school board as you have in Canada.

We have not received the Newsletter on Father Vincent A. Thomson's death yet. I hope Wally Platt is going to continue the fine obituaries you used to publish. This was always your busy season working on the Annals. I'll bet you miss it!

Sincerely,

Gene <sup>H</sup>eyck, C.S.B.

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John C. Wick  
June 14, 1968

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St. Thomas High School  
4500 Memorial Drive  
Houston, Texas 77007  
June 14, 1968

Dear Father Scollard:

I will be in Houston the last part of July and the first part of August. Actually I will be leaving Houston for the north on August 11. So if you could come the last two weeks of July or the first of August it would work out well.

I will be happy to have you here because I do want to get all the papers in order and have everything filed away in good condition. In this way when we have to get any material ready for the 75th anniversary we will have an orderly process to follow. I would like you to set up an orderly filing system of all the material so that it is neatly arranged and corss-indexed, etc. So if you are free to come down, please come. We will enjoy having you.

All are fine here and we are happy to have the school year over.

Sincerely yours,

John Wick

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Joseph L. O'Donnell  
June 20, 1968

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1025 William Street  
London, Ontario  
June 20, 1968

Dear Bob,

The body of Father Francis Gerald Powell lies buried between those of Fathers Chubby Lucier and John Hall, both holy priests and Assumption alumni, in St. Peter's Cemetery, London. He was born in London, 1878, ordained (I know not where), 1902 as a Basilian, and died in 1951. I remember him well as a good priest who used to come to St. Mary's Church where his sister looked after the altars. Another sister was, I believe, married to a brother of our Willie and Tom Roach, or did they spell it Roche? I think he was one of those who left in the exodus of 1922, for I remember meeting him here in London just before my departure to the Novitiate. At the time he was annoyed with Hank Carr for the interest he was taking in Kant in those years. Father Powell thought that St. Michael's College was going to hell entirely at the time, though he did not advise me to stay away from the Basilians. As I remember, he had just come to London but had not settled down to work here.

I don't know of his ever having a parish in the diocese of London but I do recall his being here at St. Mary's with Monsignor Mike Brady. I have a faint recollection of hearing about his going to take over in Petrolia for a while, but I have no documentary evidence for it.

I rember him as a good preacher, not a great one, but a good one. And I recall once en-





Joseph L. O'Donnell  
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countering at St. Mike's years ago a comment of one of the ancients of that day that he was an excellent teacher and a sound scholar. That 'sound' of course is purely relative, for there were few 'intellectuals' among us in those years. We had too much work to do in those days to encumber our minds with much more than we needed to keep the interest of our students. I don't think I need tell you why he died in Montreal. I remember him as a good priest. The chancery office on Richmond Street might be able to fill you in on any of his activities here that I have not been able to give you. If I run into any of the rpiests down there, I shall ask and let you know later.

The lectures in Chatham on Romeo and Juliet and Midsummer Night's Dream seem to have gone over well. My sister was proud of me and Mother Irene of the Ursulines thought I was wonderful. Now I am trying to get an essay on Hamlet ready for publication somewhere.

I may be seeing you soon.

Fraternally yours,

Jos. L. O'Donnell, C.S.B.

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Robert G. Miller

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July 23, 1968

St. John Fisher College  
Rochester, New York 14618  
July 23/68

Dear Bob -

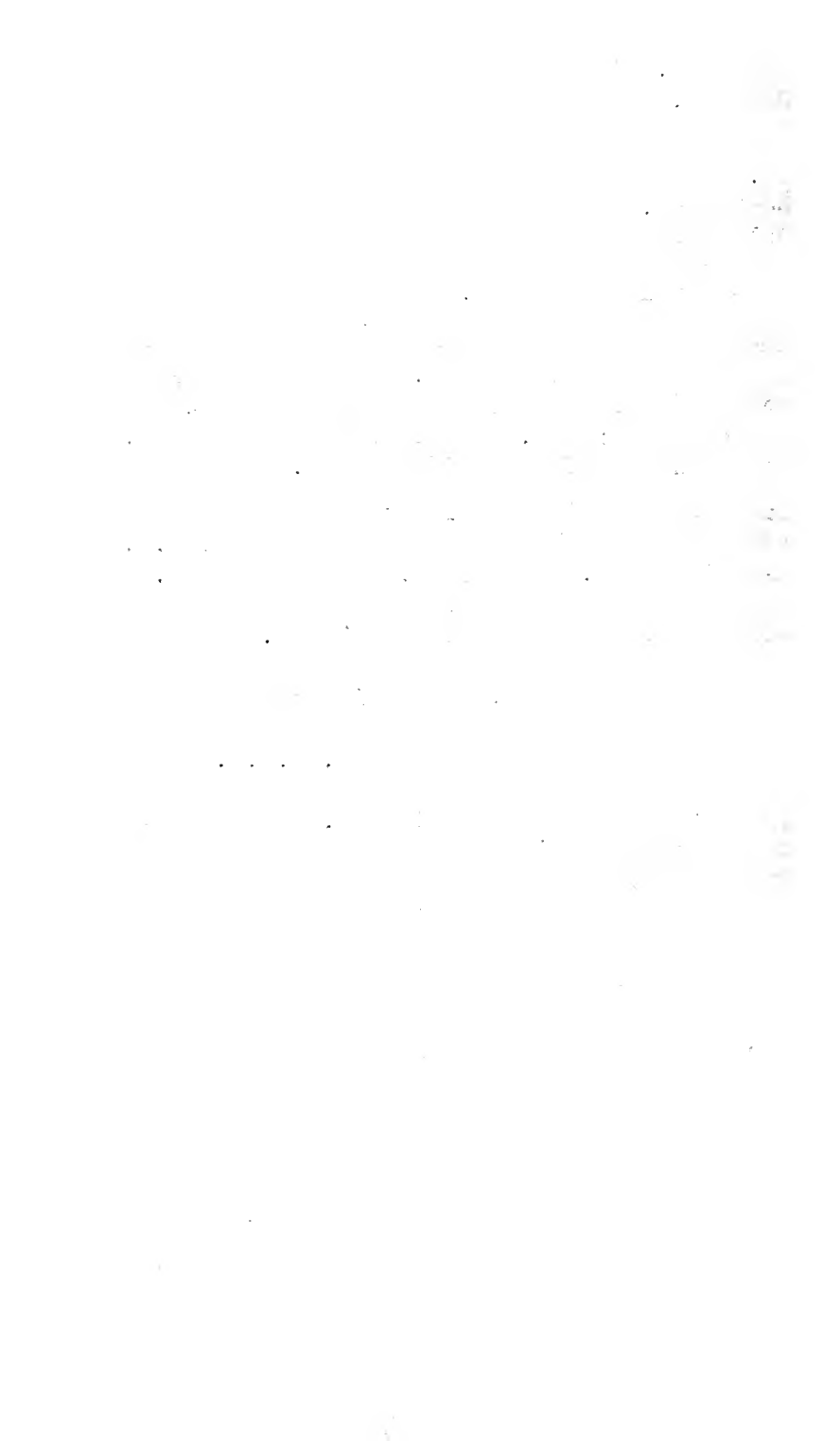
Many thanks for your prompt reply to my request for the Will forms. I phoned you last week and half when I drove Archbishop McCarthy up to see Toronto, but you were on holidays. He is Bishop of Nairobi in Kenya.

Bob Fischette is happily ensconced in his room and taking his vacation from here, i.e. sleeping here. He seems in great spirits. Thank God the beastly torrid weather has passed for the time being at least.

Sincerely in Xto

Bob Miller, C.S.B.

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Bernard Buisson  
September 3, 1968.

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Maison St. Joseph  
Route de Californie  
07-Annonay  
le 3 Septembre

Mon Père.

Ayant appris par le Père Kirley votre intention de publier dans quelques jours les résultats de vos recherches sur la vie des confrères basilien décédés, je vous envoie tous les renseignements que je possède à l'heure actuelle.

Ces renseignements ont été recueillis, d'une part auprès Père Félix Pouzol, avec qui j'ai passé quelques jours de vacances, et d'autre part dans le livre du Chanoine Fromenton: "Le Petiti Séminaire de Vernoux", Aubenas, 1922.

A ceux-ci, j'ajouterai encore cette notice que j'ai trouvé ce matin, sur le Père Hippolyte-Emile Liogier, né le 4 juin 1853, au Cheylard, en Ardèche. Il fut ordonné prêtre le 20 Septembre 1879. Il fut notamment professeur au Petit Séminaire de Vernoux.

(Quand?) En 1903, après les Expulsions, il devint le vicaire son frère (non basilien) Théophile-Charles-Louis Liogier, curé d'Éclassan, en Ardèche, puis il fut nommé, à la mort de son frère, curé de Saint-Christol, le 1 Novembre 1908. Il est mort le 5 Mai 1909. (Renseignements extraits de la liste des prêtres originaires du Cheylard, située dans le livre: "Souvenir d'un curé Vivarois", de P. Clauzier, St. Etienne (Dumas, 1955).



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September 3, 1968

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D'ici quelques semaines, je pense que je serai en possession d'autres renseignements sur les anciens membres de la communauté et je vous les ferai alors parvenir. Je rest à votre disposition pour toutes les questions encore à résoudre.

Je vous prie, Mon Père, de croire à mes sentiments très respectueux.

Bernard Buisson.

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Renseignements recueillis auprès du Père  
Félix Pouzol.

AUREILLE, EDOUARD ETIENNE. Après son retour d'Angleterre, il vécut à St. Charles (Petit Séminaire à Annonay), où il s'occupait du chant. En même temps, il donnait des cours au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay. Cela se passait dans les années 1925-30. Il fut l'architecte dans la construction de la partie centrale de la Maison St Joseph à Annonay en 1928-29. Il se retira ensuite à St. Joseph, nouvellement construit, tout en faisant encore quelques cours au Collège. C'est de là qu'il partit pour faire un pèlerinage en Terre Sainte, pèlerinage qui devait s'achever tragiquement à Port Said, en Egypte le 5 Avril 1934. A cause de sa vue très basse, il s'était trompé de porte dans le wagon et avait ouvert la porte de sortie? Son corps fut retrouvé le lendemain sur la voie.





AUREILLE, Emile. Cousin du précédent. Il était né à Meysses en Ardèche. Il est mort au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay et est enterré au cimetière du Collège. Il a été professeur à Blidah, en Algérie. Après son retour en France, ce fut lui qui dirigea pratiquement le Collège d'Annonay dans les dernières années de Mgr. Julian, directeur officiel.

BOBICHON, Emile. Le Père Félix Pouzol l'a connu comme professeur au Collège du Sacré-Coeur, à Annonay, à partir de 1928. Il enseignait dans la classe de cinquième. Il est mort et enterré à Tournon en Ardèche.

CAUVIN, Ernest. Le Père Félix Pouzol sait qu'il fut professeur de Lettres et supérieur, mais il ne se rappelle plus où. Peut-être dans le diocèse de Périgueux?

CHANTEPERDRIX, Léopold. Le Père Félix Pouzol l'a connu comme préfet de discipline au Collège du Sacré-Coeur, à Annonay. Il était aimé et respecté des élèves, qui l'avaient surnommé "le vieux" à cause de sa grande barbe. Il est mort à Annonay.

CHARRON, Victorin. Après avoir été professeur dans plusieurs maisons, il alla à Bordighera, en Italie, à la Maison St. Louis, c'est à dire au Noviciat Basilien. Il y resta de 1928 (ou 1929?) à 1931, date de sa mort. Il est enterré à Joannas, en Ardèche.



Son corps avait été, en effet, ramené de Bordighera à Joannas, après de multiples difficultés.

COLLOMB, Alphone. Il fut professeur au Petit Séminaire d'Aubenas et au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay (Il fut professeur de cinquième et fit la classe au Père Félix Pouzol). Il se retira ensuite à Laurac, en Ardèche, où il était aumonier de l'Ecole Sers-Dieu. En même temps, il s'occupait de chercher des vocations. Ce fut lui qui amena le Père Georges Reynouard à la Congrégation St. Basile. Il était boiteux et devait porter des chaussures spéciales. Il connaissait parfaitement la langue allemande.

DELUCHE, Gabriel. Il naquit dans le département de Dordogne. Il fut curé en Dordogne après la dispersion des Congrégations Religieuses. Il alla ensuite au Noviciat à Bordighera, dès son ouverture en 1926 et il y resta pendant deux ans. Il fut ensuite aumonier à Chatou, près de Paris. dans un collège de Jeunes Filles. Enfin, il fut prêtre au Vésinet, dans la banlieue Parisienne, (dans l'ancien département de Seine-et-Oise). C'est là qu'il mourut en 1955 et c'est là qu'il est enterré.

DESCELLIERES, Octave. Il convient de signaler que c'est à l'occasion de son jubilé, en 1949, que le Père Shook est venu au Collège et que cela a marqué le début de la réunion de la communauté. Il a été ordonné en 1899. Il est mort à la Maison St Joseph.



DURAND, Eugène. Le Père Félix Pouzol a signalé qu'il acceptait volontiers du ministère dans les paroisses voisines.

DURAND, Noël. Le Père Félix Pouzol a signalé que le Père Durand est passé en Jugement à Privas, au moment des expulsions, car il était accusé d'avoir soustrait des biens aux liquidateurs des biens d'Eglise en 1904.

FOGERON, Joseph. Il fut professeur au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay. Il est enterré à Satillieu, en Ardèche.

FRACHON, Jean. Il fut curé à Bures (Seine-et-Oise) après les Expulsions. Il fut plus tard Econome à St Joseph, où il mourut, d'un cancer à l'estomac, en 1945.

GIRAUD, Benoît. Il fut Curé en Seine-et-Oise, après la dispersion et il est mort en Seine-et-Oise.

GIRAUD, Julien. En 1926, il se retire à St Charles, à Annonay. Il vint ensuite à St Joseph, en 1929, après qu'il été chassé de St Charles, ce qui lui causa une grand colère.

GODARD, Jean-Marie. Il vécut à Vernoux, d'où il fut chassé en 1903. Il fut ensuite directeur spirituel à la Section des Séminaristes au Collège du Sacré-Coeur à Annonay.

GRANGEON, Marius. Peut-être originaire de St Pierre-du-Champ? Il fait son noviciat à Plymouth, en Angleterre.



Au cours des dernières années de sa vie, le Père Grangeon venait passer l'hiver à la Maison St Joseph à Annonay. Il repartait lors des premiers beaux jours.

GUIGON, Jean-R;gis et GUIGON, Léon. Il étaient frères.

Leur père était gendarme. Léon, après avoir été nommé Curé à la Chapelle-sous-Aubenas (1919), fut maître des Novices à Bordighera jusqu'en 1935, où il vint à St Joseph. C'est là qu'il meurt en 1941.

HILAIRE, Louis. Il est né à Montréal (Ardèche), près de Largentière. Il est enterré à Montréal.

LACOST, Paul. Il enseigna au Petit Séminaire d'Aubenas (Ardèche)

MARIJON, Victorin. Il fut supérieur de St. Charles de 1923 à 1928.

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Renseignements extraits du livre du Chanoine Fromenton, "Le Petit Séminaire de Vernoux". (Aubenas, 1922). page 24 et suivantes.

L'Abbé Auguste de Montgolfier fut nommé supérieur à Vernoux en 1844.

L'Abbé Jean-Claude Chavanon vint à Vernoux en 1844 et enseigna la Rhétorique.

L'Abbé Auguste de Montgolfier fut désigné, en 1846, supérieur du Petit Séminaire de Bourg-St-Andéol (Ardèche).

L'Abbé Jean-Claude Chavanon prit sa place à Vernoux. Citons le Chanoine Fromenton: "Celui-





ci, brillant professeur, possédant les talents les plus variés, était peu fait, de par sa nature plutôt spéculative, pour le gouvernement, même d'une modest institution." En 1848, Mr. L'Abbé Chavanon laissa sa charge de supérieur et reprit modestement sa charge de Rhétorique, augmentée des fonctions de Préfet des Etudes.

L'Abbé De Montgolfier fut supérieur à sa place. Il avait été lui-même remplacé à Bourg-St-Andéol par Mr. l'Abbé Actorie (en 1848). En 1856, De Montgolfier est rapplé à Annonay.

L'Abbé François Roux-Saget, économe à Vernoux depuis 1849, le remplace comme supérieur. Il le restera pendant trois ans: "Il était ... de haute taille, de manières tout à la fois distinguées et affables, avec une pointe d'originalité. Il était venu de Grenoble (lieu de naissance?) pour entrer dans la société de St Basile. Les fonctions déjà absorbantes qu'il exerçait au Petit Séminaire ne suffisaient pas à son zèle; il y joignit le soin de la petite paroisse de St Félix, qu'il desservit plusieurs années. Il vint terminer sa carrière à Annonay."

L'Abbé Henri Coupât lui succède en 1859: Il amène avec lui, comme économe, Mr. l'Abbé Demeure Louis, qui devint "plus tard Supérieur de la Maison St Barbe (à Annonay) et Chanoine Onoraire de Viviers".

L'Abbé Jean-Pierre Ranc, qui avait été professeur à Vernoux en 1853, est nommé, en 1862, supérieur, après le départ de Coupât pour



Privas. Jean-Pierre Ranc sera en 1870 nommé Directeur du Collège de Privas et quittera Vernoux.

L'Abbé Joseph Malbos fut choisi pour le remplacer à Vernoux. A ses fonctions de supérieur, il joignit celles d'économe, qu'il remplissait à la satisfaction générale. En octobre 1880, trouvant la charge trop lourde, il obtint de Mr. Fayolle, supérieur général, son remplacement.

L'Abbé Jean-Claude Savoye le remplaça en effet. Ce dernier fut secondé par de très dévoués professeurs, "parmi lesquels il faut signaler l'excellent Mr. (l'Abbé) Louis Hilaire, doué de tous les talents, peintre et musicien, qui joignait à ses fonctions d'économe, la préparation des chants et des petites fêtes de la Maison, et le bon et saint Mr. (l'Abbé) Jean-Marie Godard, qui non content de ses nombreuses classes de sciences, faisait encore des cours d'instruction religieuse très appréciés, s'occupait activement des Congrégations (?) et dirigeait la conscience de presque tous les élèves.

En 1896, Mr. l'Abbé Savoye doit revenir à Annonay prendre la direction du Collège du Sacré-Coeur.

L'Abbé Joseph Hilaire, frère aîné de Louis Hilaire, économe à Vernoux, et de Régis Hilaire, vicaire général du diocèse de Viviers, non basilien, le remplace comme supérieur. Il avait été longtemps professeur de Rhétorique. Il fut supérieur jusqu'en 1903, date à laquelle la Maison de Vernoux fut donnée



aux prêtres du diocèse, à cause de la Dispersion des Congrégations Religieuses. D'Ailleurs, en 1906, le Petit Séminaire de Vernoux fermait définitivement ses portes. Il avait été interdit par un décret de l'Etat.

Dans un tableau récapitulatif des professeurs et supérieurs de Vernoux, situé à la fin du livre, on relève les noms de: François-Régis Arnoux, professeur en 1852; Jean-Louis Ranc, professeur en 1854; Jean Monin, professeur en 1855, plus tard, il reviendra et sera économé Jean-Matthieu Soulerin, professeur en 1836; Basile Hours, professeur en 1857; Antoine Perbost, professeur en 1857; Adolphe Vaschalde, professeur en 1858 [sic].

Indirectement, le Chanoine Fromenton nous apprend que: Jean-Louis Ranc et Jean-Pierre Ranc étaient frères. Jean-Louis Ranc fut plus tard supérieur du Collège de Plymouth, Angleterre.

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T. Dake Batty  
October 25, 1968

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St. Theresa Church  
P.O. Box 168  
Sugar Land, Texas 77478  
Oct. 25/68

Dear Bob:-

Was glad to get your card. Lots of color on that trip eh? How I always enjoyed them, those trips I mean.

We are having the Christ the King celebration for our Deanery here next Sunday so Ray Jackson is working harder than ever. I am only praying for him.

Father John Collins got back this week. Picked up a cold on the plane but had a good trip. It gave him a chance to see most of the "clowns", who, of course, are impostors.

Tell Father Wey not to let those clowns get him down.

I have picked up a mild case of diabetes. Maybe I'll lose some weight now.

Regards to all

Dake

P.S. I hope you like your new job.

(Letter from Father Dake Batty to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)





S. Raphael O'Loughlin  
October 29, 1968

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Dear Bob:

Complimentary copy of Volume 5, Resonance is in the mail. I had an extra copy on hand waiting for your letter. I doubt that St. Meinrad Essays has more than local value. I am sure that you can invest your funds more wisely.

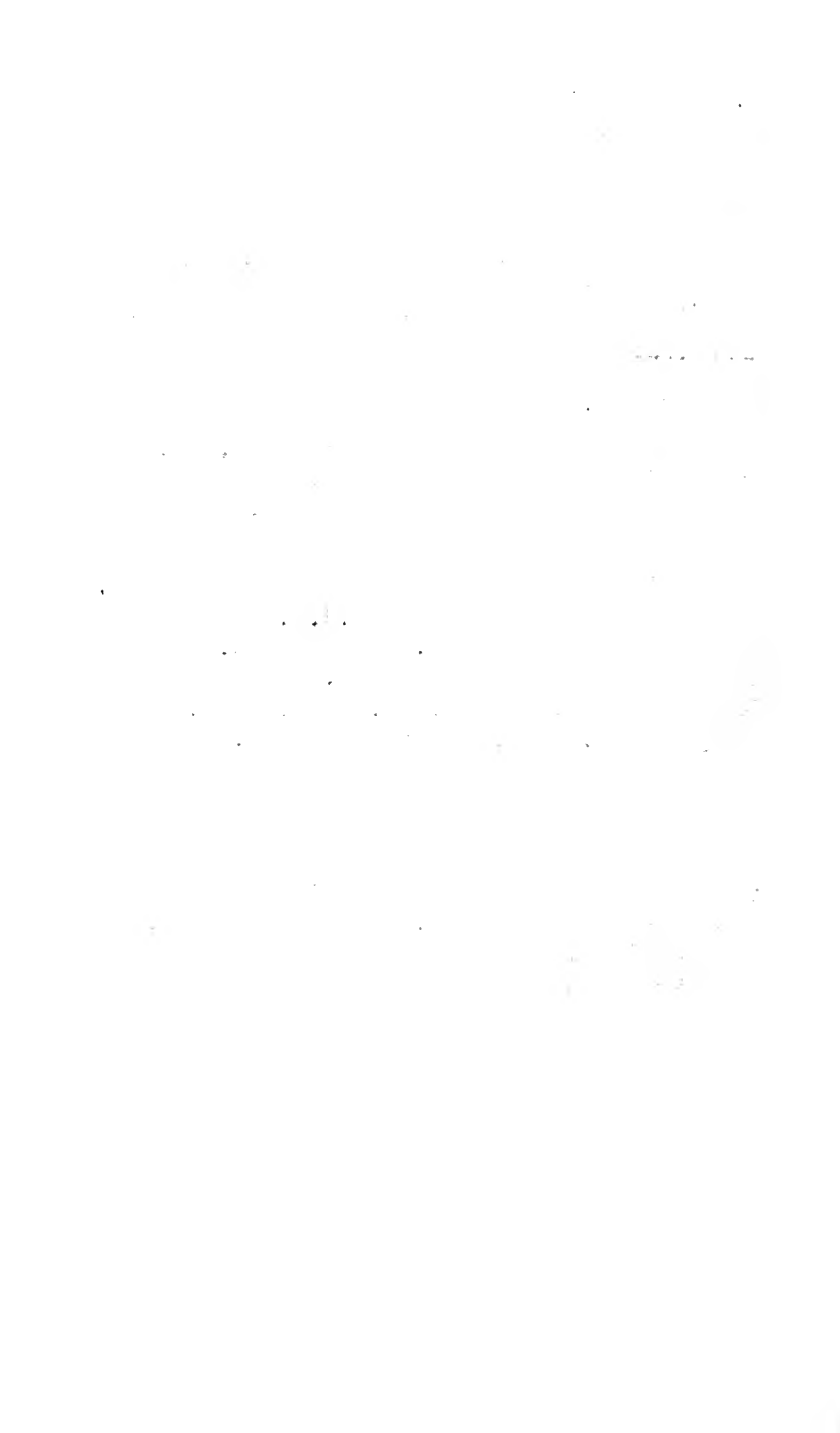
We have two remodelling jobs: a) \$1,700,000 on an old part of the college, and b) a complete redoing of the Abbey Church. The latter should be interesting when finished.

Rather busy to get much done on a genealogy. We are about to found the K.G.S. (Kingsbridge Genealogical Society). Fred Flynn, Assumption grad, will be president. Now at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn.  
Yours truly, the research director.

In Xo

Raphael.

(Letter from Father Raphael O'Loughlin to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the gneral archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



John J. Miller  
October 29, 1968

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Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and Missions  
506 South East Avenue  
Wharton, Texas 77488  
29 Oct 68

Dear Bob:

25 years and three careers later, I'm finally acknowledging your faithful correspondence and sole life-line of communications with the CSB's. First: Memor of record. I haven't got asthma. I never had asthma, and I'm not interested in asthma. I have Bronchiactasis of both lungs and Pan-Sinusitis - both chronic and functional. The USAF in my retirement discharge physical examination declared me 50% disabled. (In kidding about this at St. Thomas High School a few weeks ago, Bill Duggan's comment was, "That's progress. You were 75% disabled when you went in.)

The team at Wharton is a pleasure to work with - Jack Broussard and Dick Jeffery.

I started right off by unloading in excess of 30 loads of 'keepsakes' around the place in the local city dump. I had a total clean-up and painting inside and outside of the residence and offices - this all to get to the point of acquainting myself with the administrative, financial, operational and logistical evaluation of the set-up. We are now in the last stages of the first stage of renovation - development of the parish hall into a multi-purpose building by use of movable screens rather than permanent walls. The church also has been painted inside and



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outside and is undergoing the first increment of installation of air-conditioning-heating.

Use of BX and Commissary has helped in stocking the place. All of the work has been done by the priests, seminarians, and the members of the parish. The only real expenditures have been on paint. Three air-conditioning units for the house and a \$2,000 badly needed rewiring job, centralizing all power out-put were donated by friends of mine in Houston. The units in the church are half paid for by a special second collection at all Sunday Masses since September first and parish dinners, etc.

The people are fast learning that this Mexican Mission is not a "give-away" program. They are somewhat dismayed at the rather blunt, "let's get with it" attitude of their new priest. It has been intimate d alos that this is not in Mexico and if we are going to holler about civil rights and discrimination, best we start becoming Americans starting with our religion and church. (The first phases of total rebellion are beginning to subside and all parish meetings are conducted in English. I even have the nuns taking courses in English.) So in all it has been interesting. Come on down and visit us.

Father James Hanrahan asked me (which was part of the original assingment to the Missions) to work on developing a training program for aspirants to the Missions. So this is in the general plans of my present activities. One policy has to be made clear, namely the dis-



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inction of apostolates in the U.S.A. as  
opposed to those in Mexico.

I am using the same general program instituted  
in the USAF for total parish activity and  
religious education. I think it is going to  
work, at this somewhat different level.

Prayers!

In Xto

Jack

(Letter from Father John Miller to Father  
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James W. Embser  
June 1968

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University of St. Thomas  
3812 Montrose Boulevard  
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Father Robert,

Just one last favor. Did you print Archbishop Flahiff's opening talk for the General Chapter of last year? I read the one for the Convention and if the other is available I would like to use it for the retreats I shall preach this summer.

The weather is pleasant. School is finished for another year. I presume scholastics will again cause u pain by their leaving. We are finishing our retreat today - rather tomorrow. I hope you are well.

Sincerely

J. Embser.

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J. Wilfrid Dore  
November 29, 1968

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St. Joseph's College  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
November 29, 1968

Dear Bob,

Sorry I did not get these off to you sooner. It has been hard to find Basil Sullivan's on his desk. We just searched it again extensively. And as you might suspect we are anything but settled here. Bob Finn has only been in a couple of days so far. He is due though next Wednesday and may remain a few days to try and order affairs. Jim Daley had some gall bladder tests this week but there is nothing serious at the moment. Wish you were here. Have been getting quite a few books recently and having much difficulty with the cataloguing. Finn made a bid in Toronto for Bill Sheehan, but evidently he is well settled in Texas. I suppose a bursar here is really a greater need. Mike Fallona has been a treasure in the house the past year. It will be a great loss when he goes on for studies next year.

All the best now, Bob. Hope to see you in two weeks at the ordinations.

Sincerely in Him,

Wilf

(Letter from Father Wilfrid Dore to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Robin F. Neill  
November 20, 1968

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St. Thomas More College  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon

Dear Bob:

Your note came. Thank you. Change is everywhere. I am no longer in effect, a librarian, but only a voting member of a six-man library committee. I'm still interested.

The altar rail was removed last week. Removing altar rails is, apparently, more painful than removing teeth.

Bill O'Brien is back in Sunday-work shape. The students are not particularly rebellious, but pot-smoking and living common-law is becoming more fashionable.

Sincerely,

Robin

(Letter from Father Robert F. Neill to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



Alexander J. Grant  
December 2, 1968

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Dear Bob

Thanks for the letter and also Vin Thomson's card. You were right. I never received one from Jakey Donlon.

It was sad to read your commentary on the Seminary. That's where the trouble stems from and not only from our own but most seminaries. A lot of seminarians seem to just wait for ordination and then start dictating their terms.

I received a card from the Christian Renewal group that are tangling with Cardinal O'Boyle. I indicated in no uncertain terms that I was not with them and that I have a conscience too. If those jerks have their way, we will have more off shoots than the Protestants, everyone following his own conscience and no central authority.

Bob Seguin is a good scholastic and I hope nothing happens to contaminate him. I was sorry to hear about Bob Flood but glad to hear that he is coming along. I always liked Bob and he was very kind to me in dropping a line once in a while.

The weather here is still mild but we have had some great gusts of wind. I was afraid that I would lose the roof of my new rectory.

So far the arthritis is behaving and the psoriasis (even I have troubling sometimes spelling it) is responding to treatment. I have to take weekly injections of Methotrexate





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and they upset my stomach horribly for three or four days every week. It's a hard way to survive but I guess I should be thankful that I am up and around and can say Mass every morning.

Received a letter from Frank Kelly. He has been moved to a parish back in San Diego. He seems to be happy.

Take care of yourself and say a prayer for me.

Yours in Christ,

Alex

(Letter from Father Alexander Grant to Father Robert Scollard. Transcribed from the original, deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



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St. Joseph's College  
The University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Canada.

Dear Father Scollard:

I regret I can't give you factual information. However, I can add Father Dan Meader's great desire for his father's conversion. As chaplain at the Good Shepherd Monastery in 1924, he had the children make a novena for that intention. They continued to do so every year (November). After many years, I received his father into the Church (Baptized him. He was 88) at Watertown, N.Y., which was native home of the Meaders. I returned from Watertown, N.Y., to be present at Father Edward Tighe's funeral. I think Father Meader has a sister in Toronto who was college nurse at one time.

Sincerely,

B.F. Sullivan.

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St. Joseph's College  
The University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Father Scollard:

Thanks so much for the copy of Miss Meader's letter. She refers to her father's conversion. A footnote to her account is the following:

Father Dan Meader's last appointment in pastoral work was "Good Shepherd Convent". I followed him as chaplain and I discovered that he had taught the Children's class to pray daily for his father's conversion. In addition he instituted an annual novena or 30 days of prayer, each October for the same intention. The children were faithful to it year after year. I was on the job for seven years. Many years after Father Meader died, his sister visited St. Michael's and told us that her father was living in Ogdensburg, N.Y. (88 years old). In fact the Meaders had been an outstanding family in that city, a protestant family.

I told Catherine I wished to visit him during the summer, which I did. The old man was 88 years old. He and I talked about Father Dan and he said, "I wish to die like Father Dan. I told him to report this wish to Catherine who had no hopes of his conversion. Mr. Meader called Catherine and told her that he wished that young man (me) to baptize him and receive him into the Church. Catherine was pleased but amazed at his decision.



My own analysis of his problem was his loyalty to Father Dan whom he loved and his loyalty to the Meaders who were outstanding Protestant family in Ogdensburg. The last of the Meaders had died two months before my visit, and now the old gentleman was free to choose Father Dan's way of life, which he did. I may add that he lived four additional years and received Holy Eucharist each month from the pastor.

Now I wish to thank you for sending Father William Young's outstanding homily at the funeral of Father Lawrence Lacey. My conviction has always been that these sermons should be made available for confreres. They are of special value for Father Lacey's confreres.

With very best wishes,

B.F.S.

P.S. Father <sup>R</sup>obert Montague is a patient in hospital for checkup and surgery?

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W. Oscar Regan  
1968

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Dear Bob,

Excellent in every way! (obituary notice of Father Basil Regan) Your projected Dictionary of Basilian Biography will be a monumental work. Congratulations! Bob Finn gave us a rapid run-down of what he heard and saw in Toronto. He has asked that he be allowed to deliver a fuller and more formal report some evening to the confreres. His request is granted! We are calling for tenders within a few weeks for our new wing. I am still trying to pin down Archbishop George Flahiff to preach our Basilian Retreat here April 3-7. After two months of waiting, I still have high hopes.

Very sincerely in Christ,

Oscar Regan.

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Daniel V. Burns  
December 27, 1967

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Dear Bob,

I have an awful confession to make. Remember those postacdrs you asked me to mail before leaving Owen Sound at tht time of Jim Murphy's funeral. Well yesterday I reached into my topcoat pocket by mistake - I haven't been wearing it since - and there were your cards. My apologies, but I can't help it now. I'll drop them in the mail here and they, the recipients, will all wonder. All goes here. Happy New Year.

Dan Burns, CSB

(Postcard from Calgary. Transcribed from the original deposited in the general archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto)



























